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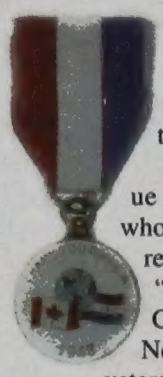
Minden's Orval Francis has some shiny new hardware on his Royal Canadian Legion jacket these days, thanks to a medal of gratitude from the Dutch Legion. Other veterans can be eligible to receive one, too. See story.

Thank-you, Orval Francis

Dutch Legion honours Minden veteran with a medal and heartfelt gratitude

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

More than half a century ago a young soldier from Minden, a member of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders D Company, marched with thousands of other Canadians through Holland on a mission to liberate the Netherlands from Nazi occupation.



Canadian soldiers played a major role in the liberation of the Netherlands in 1944-45 and Orval Francis is proud to have been a part of that effort.

The Dutch people, even 57 years later, continue to show their gratitude to those Canadians who played a role in their liberation. Orval Francis received a medal last week with the inscription "Thank You Canada 1945" from the Dutch Canadian Legion on behalf of the people of the Netherlands. Although Francis is not the only veteran from the Highlands who fought for the freedom of the Dutch people, to his knowledge, as well as that of the executive of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden, he is the first in Minden to receive one of these medals.

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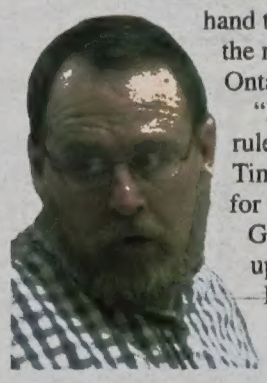
Lottery regulations frustrate volunteers

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

A room filled with frustrated community volunteers took centre stage on February 18 at the Minden Community Centre when Minden Hills hosted a meeting about the lottery licence rules.

At a special information session organized by Minden Hills Deputy-Clerk Twyla Nicholson, representatives from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission were on hand to explain and answer questions about the rules of having a lottery licence in Ontario.



Jack Blakely

"I know you are frustrated but these rules are in place to protect you," said Tim Glutek, gaming registration officer for the AGC.

Glutek was responding to a visibly upset Jack Blakely from the Havelock Lions club who drove from Havelock to get to the bottom of the rules and regulations.

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Young Orval helped liberate Holland from the Nazis

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Several Legion officials confirmed they were not aware of anyone from the immediate area applying for this medal, although many local veterans would qualify to receive one.

Orval's daughter-in-law, Bev Francis of the Bobcaygeon area, saw an advertisement which outlined how to apply for the medal. Knowing her father-in-law was a Canadian soldier who was involved in the liberation of The Netherlands, she submitted an application on his behalf and Orval received the medal on Valentine's Day this year.

Even though his stay of several months in Holland was nearly 60 years ago, the 84-year-old veteran remembers vividly the fight to liberate the people of the Netherlands.

"I went there late in 1944," he recalled. "I was all over Holland. I was in Germany at the end of the war."

He has a map with flags showing all the places where members of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Regiment were stationed.

He recalls being in a town in Holland after the liberation of the Dutch people. He was welcomed in the home of a local family. It was winter and food was scarce. A kitchen, where the soldiers were supplied with their food, was set up at the end of the street. When he had eaten his meals, Francis would go back and fill his mess tin and take it back to the home where he was billeted. The food was gratefully accepted.

"They were all wonderful people," Francis said. "I'm glad they feel the same way about us."

When asked if he had been under enemy fire during the war, Francis responded, "Oh, yeah ... lots of times. We were in a slip trench in an apple orchard one time and in the morning we could hardly get out of the trenches for the branches they had shot off."

Dodging bullets, it seems, was common practice for his unit.

Francis was able to return fire with the best of them, using his army issued Lee Enfield .303 rifle.

"I promise you, anything I got in those sights was mine," he said. The Enfield went to the bottom of the Ems River and Francis was issued a Sten gun. "They could rattle off bullets by the hundreds.

"It certainly wasn't all sunshine," Francis added. "I'm just lucky to be here."

He wasn't exaggerating with that last statement. Even with all the bullets that were directed his way, it was an incident in a boat when he and 10 other soldiers were crossing the Ems River that adds emphasis to his words.

"There were 11 of us in the boat and they had a big outboard motor on the back of it. It was just like a big scow. I guess something happened, maybe they shot the front off the boat and the big motor just drove it right down and we washed off behind," he said.

Orval Francis in Holland, circa 1945.

It was March and the water was ice cold. Of the 11 soldiers who were thrown into the river, only three, including Orval Francis, survived until another boat came by and plucked them from icy water. Francis doesn't recall how long he was in the water but, he said, "It was long enough, I know that.

"The only day I missed being in action was the day after that." he said. "The three of us had to get new uniforms and everything and get ready to go back to the regiment again."

Orval Francis was born and raised in the Minden area. He worked for the railroad, starting in Gelert in 1941 and later moving to Lindsay before coming back to Minden when he retired in 1982.

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Orval's daughter-in-law, Bev Francis, helped in the process of getting him his medal.

Francis joined the army in 1940 and served in the reserves until he was called overseas. He is a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion, joining when he was in Lindsay. He has been a member of the Minden branch since it opened.

Orval is an avid gardener, as anyone who has visited his home can tell by the geraniums growing in his living room. They are close to six feet tall, reaching from their stands to the ceiling. During the summer, his dahlias are the envy of the neighbourhood. He also produces an abundant crop of vegetables, which are shared with family and friends.

Royal Canadian Legion Zone Commander Don McCumber said it was Frank Meevis of Omemee, Ont., who got the ball rolling on the medal.

Meevis explained that many veterans who attended 50th Anniversary ceremonies celebrating the liberation in The Netherlands in 1995 returned with medals commemorating their participation. Other Canadian veterans who were unable to attend those ceremonies made enquiries regarding the medals and Meevis took it upon himself to contact officials from The Netherlands to see if those medals could also be awarded to Canadians who played a role in the liberation. He said that since the medals were 50-year commemoratives, the government of The Netherlands decided to strike a new medal, one of which was recently presented to Orval Francis.

Meevis said that, whenever possible, special ceremonies are scheduled, with officials from the Dutch Canadian Legion making the presentations.

But, since Orval Francis was the only recipient from this area at this time, the medal arrived in the mail, with a letter bearing the signatures of more than 20 Dutch people.

Many other veterans in this area qualify for the same medal Orval Francis received. Meevis said will be sending application forms to the Minden Legion.

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Algonquin Highlands

Fair board ads are fair game

by **ALLISON TAYLOR**
Times staff

The following are briefs from the February 21 council meeting of the Algonquin Highlands.

A donation of $100 to the Haliburton County Fair Board is more of an investment in advertising for Algonquin Highlands.

After the fair board asked the township for a monetary investment in the county-wide event, the township was faced with a difficult decision.

"There are two ways we can look at this," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. "It is in contravention of the Stanhope donation bylaw but it is also an investment in advertising for the municipality."

The money would go toward an advertisement in the promotional brochure for the fair, subsequently providing support for the county fair. The former township of Stanhope had a municipal policy against making donations for individual groups.

"Before the policy was in place we made donations," said Clerk-Administrator Gerald Bain.

"I know that the Haliburton County Fair Board is trying to include all of the county – how successful they've been is up to the individual," Harrison said. "It's not their fault they've been having difficulty bringing the whole county together. I'd like to show our support for an adjoining community."

The council didn't seem to have any problems doling out the cash for this event.

"Go for $100," said Councillor Jim Hicks.

Donations on the way out

It seems that the Haliburton County Fair Board will be the last organization to receive a monetary donation from the township. Council approved a bylaw rejecting such donations in the future.

"I've always been a firm believer that it's not our area to make donations to non-profit agencies," Harrison said.

While Harrison did not say it was a misuse of tax dollars, she was adamant that it put the council in a difficult decision-making position.

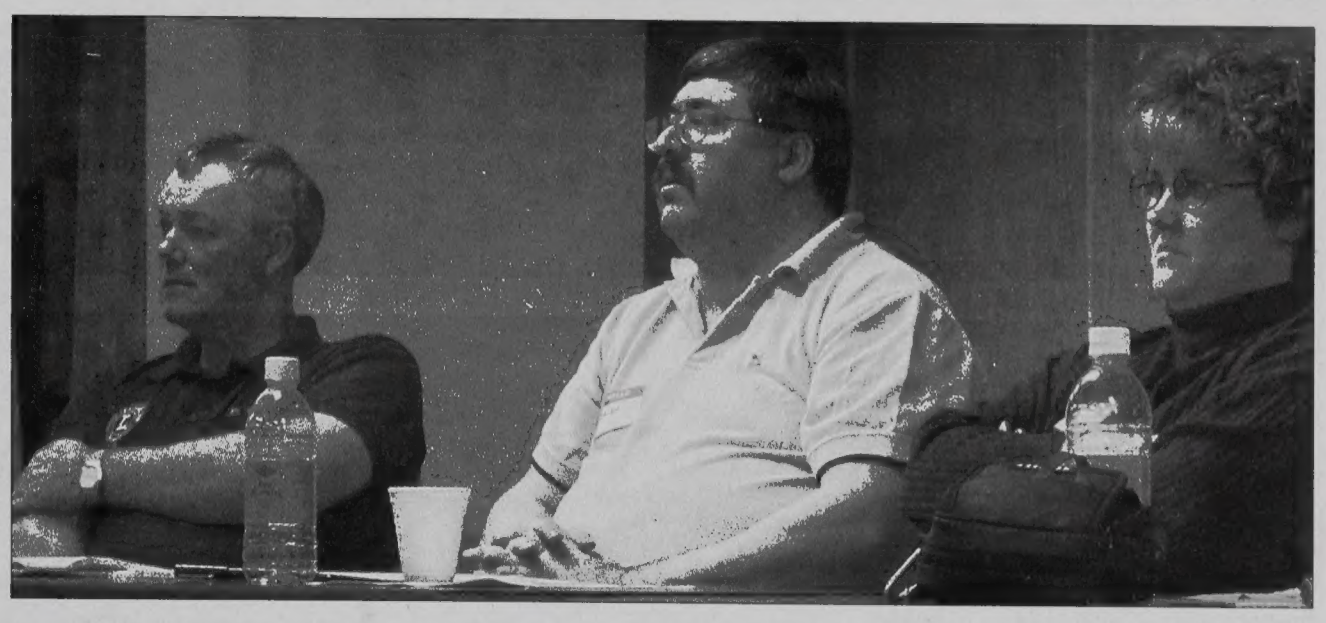
"We aren't elected to choose between the cancer fund and the heart fund," she said. "I just don't think we are elected to do that. If you are going to give to one, how can you not give to another?"

Using a similar bylaw in the former township of Stanhope put the township in a better situation, said Gardner.

"It puts us in a better position when we have to turn them down," he said. "It's not because they are not a worthy organization but instead it's because there is a bylaw in place."

The bylaw would only refer to monetary donation, Bain reminded the councillors. "The municipality would still be open in other areas." Such areas as providing assistance at events and verbal support would not be out of reach.

Requests from committees of the Algonquin Highland would be the only exception to the bylaw.



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Graham Knight, Brian Moore and Colleen Mewha of the Minden Lions Club didn't look thrilled as they listened to rules and regulations they have to follow regarding lotterys.

Lottery rules a lot for volunteers to swallow

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"We have to know you are responsible because you are engaging in raising public money. A greater degree of responsibility goes with this type of fundraising. Public accountability goes with public fundraising," Glutek said. "That's what these rules are all about."

It was the issue of proceeds that spurred Blakely to his feet.

After making a quiet comment from his seat in the front row, Blakely apologized to Glutek for interrupting the presentation.

"I'm sorry but we don't have any proceeds," Blakely said. "There are so many suppressive regulations, we don't have any proceeds anymore."

The audience laughed in agreement.

"You treat us like city crooks when you are really dealing with a bunch of small-town people in this room."

Blakely said that because of the rules and regulations his organization suddenly doesn't have any integrity.

Glutek said he understood his frustration.

"I understand that everyone here is trying to do a good things for the community. This is hard. It is restricting," he said. "Big cities or small town groups, our concern is that those proceeds are used correctly. We are not here to question anyone's integrity. We are here to explain why the regulations are in place."

"I'm saying that some of these laws have to be changed. We're going in the hole now," Blakely said.

There are many games going on illegally and "it's a small-town problem," Glutek said.

He also said the rules were created to protect that funds are used for charitable services and to protect the organization.

"With these regulation if anyone questions your integrity, you are protected," Glutek said.

Another man shouted from the audience that "it's a problem for you. It's not a problem for the small municipalities. We didn't make the rules and the rules weren't made up right anyway."

Blakely was also concerned about the decreasing levels of volunteer support after the rules were enforced.

In 1993 the provincial government established the regulations and the AGC, acting as an arm of the Provincial Police, enforces them.

Budget information, constitutional documents, detailed program descriptions, financial statements and details of the proposed use of the lottery proceeds are all necessary pieces of information the commission requires before even evaluating a group or organizations eligibility for a lottery licence.

All of these brought sighs from the audience.

Not only is compiling the information time consuming for the non-profit group, but the detailed information doesn't stop there.

To receive a lottery licence an organization must be a legal entity with a mandate to raise funds for charities that are eligible to receive the proceeds of the lotteries. The applicant must have been in existence for at least one year and must be a non-profit organization.

Lotteries are defined as bingos, raffles, break-open tickets (Nevada tickets) and bazaars.

In order to conduct lottery events the group must either be charitable or religious in nature.

More importantly the funds raised have to benefit the residents of Ontario

The room in the community centre was filled to capacity, as individuals had to stand in the back because there weren't any seats left.

Nicholson estimated around 70 people attended the evening meeting. Another 25 were at an afternoon session. Organizations from Kawartha Lakes, Muskoka and Peterborough joined local clubs to find out more information.

Brian Moore from the Minden Lions Club has been dealing with the red tape for 10 years and he didn't hear anything new from the meeting last Monday. The only way he keeps a level head is by staying on top of everything.

"My hands have been tied by the way the legislation has been interpreted," he said after the meeting.

The rules aren't causing a problem from Moore, who helps to organize the Santa Claus Parade every year. "It's the way those rules are interpreted.

"It makes you bang your head against the wall."

He said the paper work is a nightmare, but it's just a question of working away at it.

Moore said that Nicholson has been helpful clearing up some of the confusion. Nicholson issues the lottery licences within Minden Hills.

"She has the ability to tell us where we are going to give our money away to," he said with a laugh as a crowd assembled around him in agreement.

Other concerns the meeting addressed was the legislation itself.

The only way that will change is if you lobby you MPP, Glutek said. "We're stuck with the same legal framework as you are."

Glutek said the regulations ensure there is an audit trail.

"It's a matter of tracking funds," he said. "To make sure the money is used where it was intended."

It also shows that each organization is accountable. "As an organization you have to deal with pubic perception," he said. "If the phone call ever comes to my office then with this program you will have the integrity to support it."

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911 service will likely be delayed

Minden Hills reeve objects to committee's request for more help from municipalities

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

The county's 911 department will be unable to meet the goal of introducing the emergency telephone system by July of 2004 unless the municipalities chip in to help, county councillors were told Wednesday.

"We need the assistance of municipalities or it's going to be delayed," county CAO Gary King said during a sometimes heated debate. "It may not be what you want to hear but it's reality."

This help in compiling detailed information about every property in the Highlands could be provided through volunteer fire departments, municipal staff or municipal 911 committees.

"We're not going to ask our firefighters to do this," Minden Hills Ross Rigney said. "They're volunteers and have jobs."

Rigney, who was the most vocal in opposing the need for municipal help, said "I have been very outspoken about this damn process because it's taken longer than it has in other jurisdictions."

King said the process took four years in Hastings County and three years in Muskoka, where there were more staff members dedicated to the job. When Kawartha Lakes worked on introducing 911, a staff member from each municipality was assigned to helping provide the required information and it still took three or four years.

"We're doing well with the resources we have," King said, noting that the county's 911 department only became fully operational last June. (There's co-ordinator Stephen Foster, who started work on the project a year earlier, and four staff members.)

"I want 911 to happen but I still don't think we're well organized," Rigney said.

When Rigney said his wife Lois "spends more time on the damn telephone trying to track people down" on Canning Lake, King responded "if your wife is spending so much time on the phone, it speaks volumes to the task we're facing. Compound (Canning Lake) by the 30,000 properties in the county."

As to Rigney's concerns about not asking the volunteer firefighters to help, King said fire departments have a vested interest in seeing 911 go ahead because 911 will help emergency personnel get to the scene more quickly and provide more accurate information about where the emergency is.

"Wait a minute Mr. CAO," Rigney responded. "I'm not asking firefighters to go out and travel the roads (to help with

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney

County Warden Eleanor Harrison

911). It's a hell of a lot more (than they're expected to do as firefighters.)"

Rigney said "I'm giving you a hard time because I'm getting tired (of delays). I'm mad about it because I feel it's very disjointed."

King reiterated that "I don't have the resources to implement this timeframe."

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said municipalities should have been notified about the need for staff help at the beginning of the process.

Warden Eleanor Harrison said that whatever group helps the 911 department – and she thinks the 911 committee at Algonquin Highlands will be eager to be involved – it's important not to let the process get bogged down.

"If the municipalities can find some help, let's help instead of saying we're not going to do it or we'll just add to the budget at this level," she said.

The process of introducing 911 is not as simple as numbering all properties, although in an area such as Haliburton County, with so many cottage roads that had previously been unnamed, that is still an onerous task.

Before implementing 911, Bell telephone also wants detailed information about the properties' geographic location and ownership, even such information as driveway conditions ("the house is a kilometre in but watch for the big rock half way there.") Bell says this information must be 98% accurate or it won't input the data.

Stephen Foster had hoped that a telephone survey of property owners would provide much of this information. But it hasn't been an easy process.

"What we couldn't gauge was how well the public would respond; it's been slower than anticipated," Foster said. Some people wouldn't return phone calls because it was long distance; some people were amazed 911 wasn't yet available.

"People still don't realize what we're trying to do," said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Chuck Viner.

As a result, the public can no longer be relied upon to provide the information in a timely fashion. That information still has to be compiled, however, so the question became who would do it.

Foster says "to make the distribution of effort more equitable among the volunteer groups, the county is being divided into three sectors – the hamlets, the waterfront area and the countryside. We will approach the community policing associations to work with the hamlets. Cottage associations will be asked to be responsible for their respective lakes while the fire departments are intended to cover the countryside and, perhaps, lakes without associations. Road representatives are only responsible for their own respective roads or a portion of the road if it is a long one.

"With the shift to volunteer help to gather information, the 911 clerks will devote more time to storing information offline as it comes in from the volunteers, to making follow-up calls to property owners as needed, to recruiting the road representatives given leads provided by the fire departments and to informing the Workfare volunteers (who have already painted the yellow stakes) as to the numbers to apply to the stakes that are put up to mark only the addressable driveways on each road."

(To speed up the future process of assigning property numbers and making sure the information is accurate, each existing property will first be staked with a yellow stake. The number on the yellow stake will not be the official 911 number.

In his report to council, Foster said "putting the markers in the countryside is intended to make the process of addressing this summer and the placement of signage next year as close to foolproof as possible, thereby avoiding much of the cost of making corrections later."

As one of the last jurisdictions to introduce 911, Foster has said he is trying to learn from other jurisdictions' problems.)

This summer, the 911 department hopes to hire Queen's University students to travel each road using a calibrated fifth wheel. Every 10 metres, they will assign a number; where there is a driveway, that number will become the properties 911 address. By doing it this way, future development will not affect the numbering system because vacant lots will already have a number.

All addresses are therefore distance based, which has the additional benefit of allowing emergency crews a sense of how far along the road the property is.

At the same time, the 911 department needs a GPS (Global Positioning System using longitude and latitude) reading to identify each property.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that volunteers accompany the students this summer. While the students would take the meter reading, he said the students could hammer in the stakes. The volunteers would take the GPS reading. He also questioned whether there wasn't already technology available, such as microchips, to identify a property. Foster said there may be privacy issues with that approach.

Foster said he has tried to find other ways of reducing the labour-intensive task. Since a Hydro meter reader goes to each property, he asked that a 911 representative accompany the Hydro worker.

But Hydro said no because with deregulation around the corner, it didn't want anyone to know its routes (and therefore have the potential of unfair competition.)

Then there's BOS Engineering, which will be doing septic system re-inspections in Algonquin Highlands. Perhaps there could be some co-operation there.

Another potential opportunity is to work with the people carrying out the groundwater survey of Haliburton County.

It is not yet known how much the extra work will cost taxpayers, either at the municipal or county level. King did not want Foster to provide county councillors with a work plan until the plan had costs attached. That work should be done in time for the next county council meeting.

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Lake trout lakes getting their temperatures taken

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

All lake trout lakes in the Highlands will get their temperatures taken to make sure they're healthy.

This summer, Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources hope to complete a massive lake quality study to come up with a more accurate picture of the state of the Highlands' primary asset.

Along with taking temperatures at the deepest part of each of the lakes, the students working on the project (once funding is confirmed) will also take phosphorous, dissolved oxygen secchi disc readings.

This information will then be used to set guidelines for development on those lakes.

Last year, 26 lakes in the Highlands were tested; this summer, the ministries hope to get to the other 65 lake trout lakes. Tests will be conducted in spring, summer and fall.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, councillors agreed to provide the appropriate land use information to ensure the results will be as comprehensive as possible.

"The model will only be as good as the data we use for it," Victor Castro of the MOE's water resources unit told county councillors.

In his presentation, Castro said there are 2,200 recreational lakes in Eastern Ontario, and many of them are in the Highlands. From an environmental viewpoint, the main concern about these lakes is how they are able to absorb development. Here in the Canadian Shield, there aren't many worries about runoff from landfill sites or farms, but there is the danger that too much phosphorous will leach into the lakes from septic systems.

Phosphorous encourages algae growth and when the algae dies, it sinks to the bottom of the lake. As it decomposes, in cold water lakes it eats up the oxygen the lake trout need to survive.

In the past, the ministries have used a 1970s model to determine a lake's development capacity. The model is based on the assumption that all septic systems will contribute to phosphorous levels in a lake. Current studies show, however, that phosphorous can get bound up in certain soils, therefore not getting into the lake. Natural shoreline habitats also prevent phosphorous from leaching into the lake.

The ministries want to update that model, but they also want to make sure the information they are using is as current as possible.

One basic premise will remain the same: if a lake's phosphorous levels are too high, nothing can be done to further degrade water quality and "all practical measures shall be taken to upgrade the water."

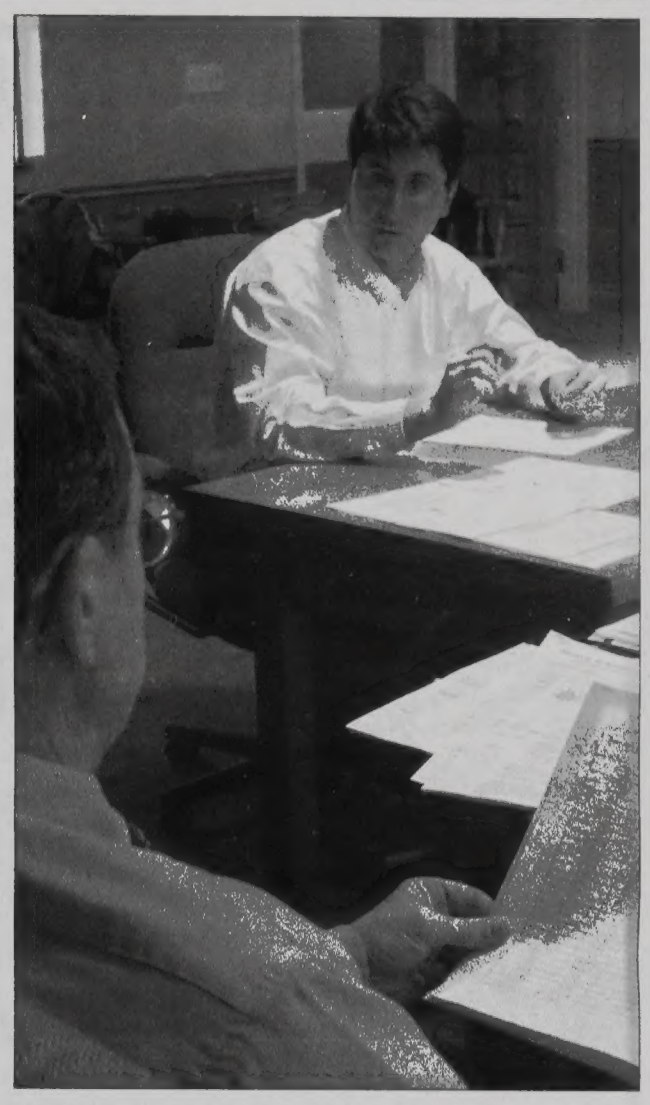
As Castro said, "let's do what we can to improve the situation and not let it get worse."

And that puts limits on development. All lakes will be classified as to whether there can be new homes and cottages going up.

But rather than an outright ban on growth, the limits may include things such as setbacks from the lake. Soil conditions will also be taken into consideration.

The size of the lake is also important. "Lakes that are small don't flush often," Castro says. (Flushing cleans the water and infuses more oxygen.) As summer progresses and the lakes heat up, "these lakes will get into less optimal conditions. Other lakes have optimal conditions all year. You could ring the lake two or three times with cottages [and water quality wouldn't be affected]."

He cited Kawagama Lake as a lake trout lake that's not sensitive to development. That doesn't mean there shouldn't be development controls based on other models such as boating and density. And since the model is for the entire watershed, it will take into consideration how development on one lake affects lakes downstream.



Victor Castro (right) of the MOE talks to Councillor Jim McMahon at County Council about measuring the temperatures of Haliburton's lake trout lakes.

As well, on Kushog Lake, which is at capacity, the MOE is going to allow someone to install a newly designed septic system which is supposed to prevent the leaching of phosphorous. The systems will be monitored and if the results

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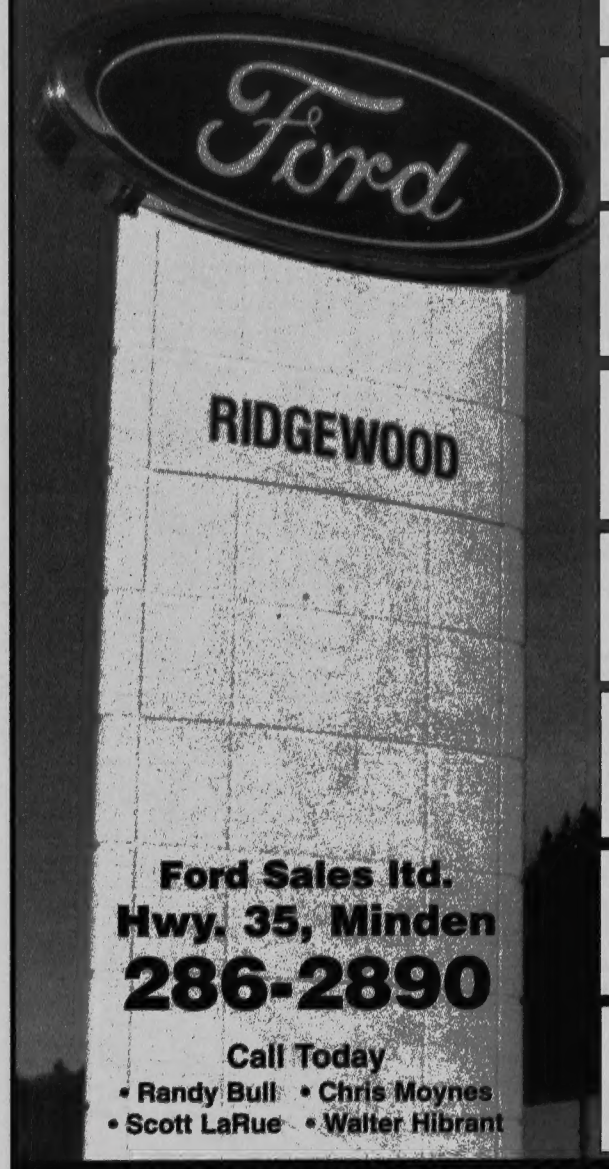

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Lake tests

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aren't as desired after five years, the landowner will be told the systems have to be moved 300 feet from the lake.

Since the expectation is that municipalities will incorporate the lake classifications in their Official Plans, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey wanted to know whether the MOE was prepared to defend the classifications at Ontario Municipal Board hearings should a potential developer launch an appeal.

"Yes," Castro responded. "If they're challenging the science, we'll defend it."

Fearrey also wanted to know why the MOE wasn't including the effects of the drawdown of water by the Trent Severn Waterway in its model.

Castro said that the colder water becomes, the denser it gets. The cold water sinks to the bottom and it's here you'll find the lake trout, which are cold water fish. The drawdown of lakes doesn't affect the cold water at the bottom, Castro said. "You'd have to drain the lakes."

Last year the following lakes were tested: Allen, Art (Spruce), Basshaunt, Bow, Buckskin, Canning, Deer, Drag, Eagle, Eels, Esson, Farquahar, Fishtail, Glamor, Grace, Hudson, Kashagawigamog, Koshlong, Long, Loon, Miskwabi, Monmouth, Moose, Mountain, Paudash, Pusey, Silent, Soyers, Stormy, Two Islands, and Wilbermere.

This year the following lakes will be tested (conditional on the ministries getting the funding): Anson, Bear, Beech, Big Hawk, Bitter, Bob, Boshkung, Clean, Clear, Clinto, Davis, Delphis, Eighteen Mile, Eyre, Fletcher, Four Corners, Goodwin, Gull, Haliburton, Halls, Havelock, Johnson, Kabakwa, Kawagama, Kelly, Kennisis, Kimball, Klaxon, Kushog, Livingstone, Lipsy, Little Clean, Little Hawk, Little Kennisis, Little Redstone, Little Boshkung, Little Bob, Lower Fletcher, MacDonald, Maple, Marsden, McFadden, Moore, Mountain, North, North Pigeon, Nunikani, Oblong, Oxtongue, Percy, Pine, Raven, Red Pine, Redstone, Sheldon, Sherborne, Slipper, South Anson, South Wildcat, St. Nora's, Stocking, Tedious and Twelve Mile.

Airport weather site soars to all new level

by **ALLISON TAYLOR**
Times staff

With so many hits this past week it looks like the Stanhope Airport has scored - big time.

Not only has the number of visitors increased since the airport started posting up-to-the minute weather updates on its Internet website, but the lure of advertisers buying space on the Algonquin Highlands endeavour has started to take off from the runway.

"We have the opportunity to look at the benefit of this website financially," said Airport Manager John Packer at the February 21 council meeting of Algonquin Highlands. "There is an opportunity for us to pay for the whole operation of the website."

At least five local businesses have expressed interest in paying the municipality money to advertise on the website.

"On the site right now there are two opportunities to sell advertising space," Packer said. "It would be a way to generate something for something."

At $50 per advertisement for a total of at least $100 every month, the township could pay for the county's weather update without ever having to dip into its coffers.

Right now the township pays $30/month for the website and another $25/month for the Internet access, Packer said.

The site displays present conditions up to the minute from the airport. The website does not provide a weekly forecast. While there is a delay of 10 minutes, the reaction has been rather favourable, Packer said.

Last Monday there were 764 hits on the website and the next morning that number had jumped to 1,094 hits. Those numbers ranged from under 10 hits per day to around 50 before the weather was added to the site.

While a hit doesn't necessary mean that a person has browsed on the website, it does mean there is activity at the address. Packer did not say how many actual visitors, or people who have checked out either the weather or the site itself.

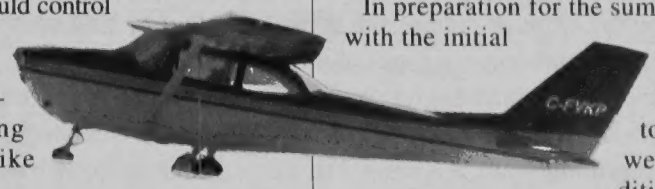
The Airport manager was a little wary about showing favourtism toward individual advertisers.

"Given that we are a government we don't want to favour anyone," he said.

Council didn't want to give any one advertiser the upper hand so they decided to advertise the available space on the website and sell it on a first come first serve basis.

"I'm just a little concerned about backlash," Packer said.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed asked if the municipality could control who advertises. If not, "there could be someone advertising something like table dancing."



Laughing at the idea, Gardner said each ad could be based upon the approval of the council.

"It's easy to say that any ad has to be approved," Packer said.

Shortreed wasn't entirely convinced at first. He was wondering if the extra space should be used to promote municipal activities and events instead.

"We already do that all over the site," said Councillor Ton Gardner.

Councillor Kerry Lock said the entire site is an advertisement for the municipality.

So far the process hasn't been error free.

The entire site shut down early last week after a power surge shut the main server off. Packer fixed the problem as soon as he understood what was going on.

The website is still working out a few glitches, Packer said.

Get ready for UV updates as well

With all the hype about the new weather service at the Stanhope Airport, Algonquin Highlands council has decided to add on a few extra features.

"When we bought the new weather station we didn't buy the ultraviolet sensor or the solar sensor," said Airport Manager John Packer at a recent council meeting.

While pilots don't require the condition of the UV to safely navigate their airplane, there has been quite an interest in this feature, Packer said.

The solar radiation or evaporation transmission is also helpful for fire prevention in the summer months, he added.

In preparation for the summer and with the initial hype of having up-to-date weather conditions on the airport's website still high in the clouds, the council decided to spend an extra US $600 to buy the UV and solar sensors for the benefit of both the airport and the website.

"It would be a big help for the Ministry of Natural Resources," Packer said. "If we are going to get these features we might as well do it now."

The council seemed impressed, especially after learning they could make advertising money on the site.

"You're gonna make that money out of ads anyway," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said. "It also helps us in our position with the community. Pilots don't need it but the residents do.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Ripe and ready

This week's op ed page is ripe (pardon the expression) with entertaining yarns regarding subject matter that isn't usually discussed in "delicate" company. Fortunately, the vast majority of our readers would not be considered delicate, but for those who are could be forgiven if they decide to avert their eyes when passing page nine. There is a possibility, however slight, that someone on the extreme side of the delicate scale may find something offensive in either of our two page nine columnist's work.

For the rest, read on and enjoy! An explanation may be in order.

Arthur Black's column might best be described as a "scatological education piece." Everything you ever wanted to know about poop, but were afraid to ask, perhaps. After reading his exposé, one might have second thoughts about swimming with the whales – blue whales, at least.

Steve Galea, in his column, analyzes the causes and effects of altitude on flatulence. It could realistically be considered a form of "edutainment." And he does offer his analysis from a perspective that most of us would not have considered.

It is strictly coincidental that the two columnists chose their particular, or should we say, peculiar, subjects for the same issue of this paper. It is doubtful that these two columnists, each known for his acute sense of humour, got together to rise a stink. It's unlikely that they even know each other. After all, Arthur resides in our western-most province, while Steve lives right here in Haliburton County.

It is probably a good thera-pew-tic release for these two writers to get it out of their respective systems at the same time.

It is interesting that such common events as normal body functions, originating in the gastro-intestinal tract, can provide the raw material for writers with such fertile minds.

The two columns on the facing page remind us of a warning that was issued on several web sites three or four years ago and made the rounds through e-mail. The warning was aimed at hikers in areas inhabited by bears – both black bears and grizzlies. It was attributed to various sources, but mostly to US Department of Natural Resources officials from Alaska to Montana and beyond.

It sounded quite logical, ending with a humourous note.

Hikers and backpackers were cautioned about the possibility of an encounter with Ursus horribilis or his smaller cousin the black bear. It bears repeating here.

The warning went something like this: In light of the recent number of unexpected encounters with grizzly bears, the (insert state or province here) Department of Fish and Game is advising hikers, hunters and anglers to take extra precautions and keep alert for bears while in the field.

Grizzly bears typically avoid contact with humans. Most deadly encounters happen as the result of grizzly bears being surprised by the sudden appearance of humans. Therefore, we advise that outdoors enthusiasts wear small noisy bells on their clothing so as to alert the bears of your approach.

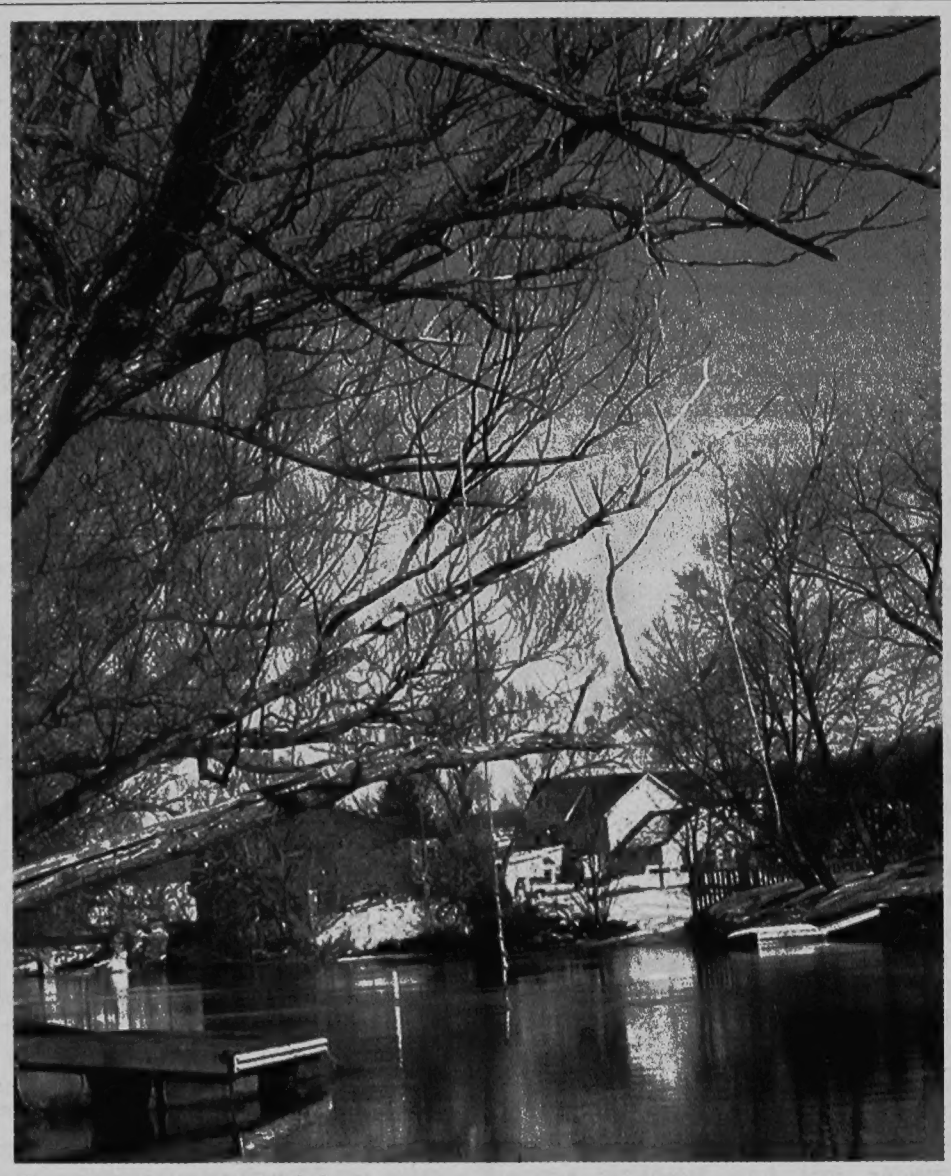
We also advise hikers, hunters and anglers to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity.

Aside from tracks you should learn to recognize the difference between black bear scat (one of the few terms Arthur didn't use in his column) and grizzly bear scat.

Because the black bear is omnivorous, its scat is smaller and contains such things as the seeds of berries and squirrel or other animal fur.

Grizzly bear scat usually contains little bells and smells like pepper. **jg**



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

The Gull River basking in the sunlight . **by DARREN LUM/TIMES**

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Clean up the township

To the Editor,

Clean it up or we will clean it for you!

After reading the article in regards to the "clean and clear" bylaw, which is once again being introduced for consideration by Reeve Ross Rigney, I feel compelled to speak out in strong support. I cannot believe the comments made by some councillors in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

I have been a permanent resident of Minden for 10 years and I firmly believe that a law such as this is long overdue in the area. The township of Minden and all of Haliburton county relies heavily on tourism year round, and should not longer permit this unkempt appearance to prevail.

Councillor Ingram Wessell must be unaware of existing bylaws in other municipalities. Georgina township is a good example of this. If a taxpayer fails to maintain their property to a certain level, they are issued a warning letter stating to "Clean it up or we will clean it up for you." A fee is then attached to your subsequent tax bill for township clean up.

Minden has a tremendous amount of potential and is a great community. However, to an outsider looking in on their first trip to town, they are confronted with sights of vehicles permanently parked on cement blocks, used appliances piled high, buildings which remain in a partially renovated state, magic marker business signs and boats with their motors still attached lying on their side in deep snow. This is just to name a few. The good part of all of these is the fact that they are simple to repair and merely require a bit of effort. You don't have to be a millionaire or live in a mansion, but there is a lot to be said for neat and tidy.

As permanent residents of this community we come to accept what it looks like, and in fact, fail to register the mess. We need to take pride in our community, clean it up and therefore increase the value of our property. This is a win-win situation for everyone. If it takes a clean and clear bylaw to make the difference, let us all show support by making it known to our councillors.

Paul Sharpless
Scotchline West

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INOTHERWORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Rocky mountain high

Sometimes news reveals itself that makes a humour columnist smile like Mona Lisa after a good flossing. Such was the case when a recent article in the Journal of High Altitude Medicine and Biology cleared the air about the phenomenon of high altitude flatulence. Finally.

This is of particular interest to all of us who live in the Haliburton Highlands and even more significance if you are considering visiting the Rockies this year.

The paper explained that "uncontrollable pneumatic flatulence" is a condition that afflicts mountain climbers at high elevations. Simply put, the greater the altitude, the thinner the air. This in itself wouldn't be such a bad thing except for the fact that a person's intestinal tract, if not acclimatized, maintains a higher pressure. Now, we've all watched the news weather person explain it, so I won't go into great technical detail. Suffice it to say that high-pressure systems seek low pressure every time.

This means no one should be surprised when a "warm front", often with the attendant "crack of thunder", emerges from even the most polite mountain climber. Apparently, it's like the name suggests, "uncontrollable", in much the same way it is when several men have gathered to watch the Super-Bowl. The sad part is, all this happens in a place that already has oxygen-deficient air, much like those high-rise elevators in the city, where, for some unknown reason, I typically run into mountain climbers.

BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Maybe this explains all those mysterious deaths on Mount Everest. Maybe not. But it does tell me one thing – if I ever join a mountaineering expedition, I'm lead climber or nothing.

Although this knowledge will come in handy at your next formal dinner soiree, it ought to have a local slant too. And here's where the math comes in.

Apparently, once over 11,000 feet in altitude the average climber can expect to expel up to 2000 ml of bad mountain air daily. Given the fact that, on average, we are at around 1100 feet above sea level in the highlands it's not unreasonable then to assume that we might aspire to the release 200 ml of the stuff ourselves, perhaps a little more if you are taller. It's trivia like this that makes us interesting to others. It also explains why fine Mexican dining never really caught on at the CN tower.

Bear in mind that I never actually read the scientific journal in its entirety. That seemed far too much like voluntary education, something I've been morally opposed to since childhood. Instead, I did the mature thing and gleaned over the results with a friend while giggling hysterically every time the word flatulence came up, as I sincerely hope you are doing here.

Still, by extrapolation and bad science, this tells me that I'd never want to visit the Shores of the Dead Sea on the Israeli-Jordanian border. This place is the lowest land elevation on earth, 1299 feet below sea level, thus harbouring the scary prospect of a reverse trend. I don't even want to speculate about the discomfort provided by the prevailing winds there.

Yet, I have nothing if not the steely mind of a mad scientist. I don't believe something just because it's in print. That's why I've been raising my golden retriever above my head all morning and monitoring the results. So far, thankfully, nothing conclusive has come of this. But I'll continue on until definitive scientific data presents itself and perhaps report it in a future column.

But for now, I'll end this.

After all, no good ever came from being long-winded.

A fewmet by any other name

Birds do it... bees do it... even educated fleas do it...

Cole Porter

When deer produce 'em, they're called fewmets. When they come from otters they're called spraints. For dogs, the proper word is scumber, and for seabirds, guano. Even paleontologists have a special name for it. When they find one produced by a dinosaur and fossilized by the ages, they call it a coprolite.

I am referring, in case you haven't guessed, to poop.

Considering its commonality to all species, doo doo doesn't get nearly the respect it deserves. Some species almost don't do it at all. The Guatemalan jumping viper hits the outhouse but once a month; while the average rabbit unloads about every three minutes.

Humans? Well, as you and I and the folks who make Exlax and the folks who make KaoPectate know only too well - it depends. If it makes you feel better, Sigmund Freud was constipated for the better part of his life – which probably explains that pained expression he wore. Good job Freud wasn't Italian. Mussolini was deeply suspicious of constipation. He considered it a symptom of latent communism, and ladled out copious doses of castor oil to anyone he considered a 'carrier'.

ARTHURBLACK

Columnist

Other famous figures have ascribed great powers to common poop. The philosopher Pliny prescribed hippopotamus droppings as a cure for epilepsy. (Used in a poultice or digested? Do we really want to know?) Michelangelo slathered donkey dung on his statues to give them that 'aged' look. Hippocrates swore by pigeon poop scalp massages as an antidote to baldness.

I have known hairlessness and I have known pigeon droppings. I believe I'd rather be bald.

Aside from quack remedies, has the stuff ever done us any good? You bet. Natives on our prairies depended on 'buffalo chips' for fuel. For centuries, China has used human excreta extensively for fertilizer. And some say that Australians never would have had organized agriculture if they hadn't imported millions of tons of guano to make their soil fertile.

Unidentified droppings have had their moment in the military side of world affairs as well. Back in the late 1970's, when the United States was mired in a particularly deep swamp of doo doo called The Vietnam War, newscasts and newspapers were suddenly full of speculation that the wily Viet Cong were launching chemical warfare attacks. The proof? Huge swathes of southeast Asian jungle foliage spattered with little yellow spots. It showed up on tanks and tents and even soldiers' helmets. U.S. military advisors announced that it was 'yellow rain' – possibly a virulent, contagious form of deliberately spread chemicals and a complete violation of the Geneva Conventions.

Actually it was bee poop. At the height of the monsoon season, bees in some parts of the tropics take wing in vast swarms, soar towards the heavens and engage (for reasons known only to bees) in a ritual of mass defecation.

Some interpreted it as a hymenopterous commentary on the stupidity of warfare, but whatever the cause, there was an alarming amount of bee guano about.

Which brings up the fascinating concept of volume.

Some tiny microbes don't produce enough to register on a microscope slide, while the blue whale offloads up to three tons daily. On the plains of Serengeti in Africa, it's estimated that wildebeest herds leave behind 4,000 tons of personal calling cards.

Per day.

Speaking of volume, let's have a moment of silence for the German zookeeper who, just a while back, lost his life in the elephant enclosure of a zoo in southern Germany.

Seems the chap had just finished administering a laxative to a badly constipated bull elephant. Then he made the fatal mistake of walking around the stern of the beast at precisely the moment that the laxative. . took effect.Death was attributed to a combination of shock, asphyxiation and full-body trauma.

Of all the times to be caught without an umbrella. . .

Proposed bylaw takes away rights

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

To the Editor:

Re: The Clean and Clear By-law.

In October of 2002, this clean and clear by-law was presented to council and was voted on by council in the proper and democratic way. The motion was lost as it was a three for and three against, which made it a lost motion. The Reeve was not there to break the tie vote.

Apparently, some don't agree on the decision and now want to bring it back to the table. I feel the by-law takes away more rights from the people of Minden Hills. I really don't know who is in the position to decide what is junk or garbage on my property. I, or other ratepayers and property owners, may have legitimate use for whatever the by-law officer is saying has to be removed.

We buy our property, pay the taxes on it and I don't think, in a free country, that some group should be able to tell us what to do with our property. This is dictatorship.

In the first paragraph of the proposed by-law, it said the municipality has the right to regulate the filling up, draining, cleaning, clearing of any grounds, yard or vacant lot and altering, relaying or repairing private drains. This is really telling us we don't have much say about our property. On page 3, section 1.8, it says the owner is responsible for the removal of weeds or grass more than eight inches in height - a big job for someone with a large area.

This by-law would be a terrible burden on a lot of people because when they are forced to clean up, everything will have to be taken to the landfill site, where they are charged for dumping.

This by-law would affect cottagers as well as local people. There will always be someone to lay a complaint about a bad dock or vegetation over eight inches growing on their lot.

My suggestion to the ratepayers of Minden Hills would be to go to the Municipal Office in Minden, pick up a copy of the proposed by-law to see how it would affect you.

When, and if, it comes up for another vote, I will be voting against the by-law. But, if I lose my vote in respect of my fellow councillors, I will not ask that it be brought back on the table.

Ingram Wessell (Councillor Ward 2)
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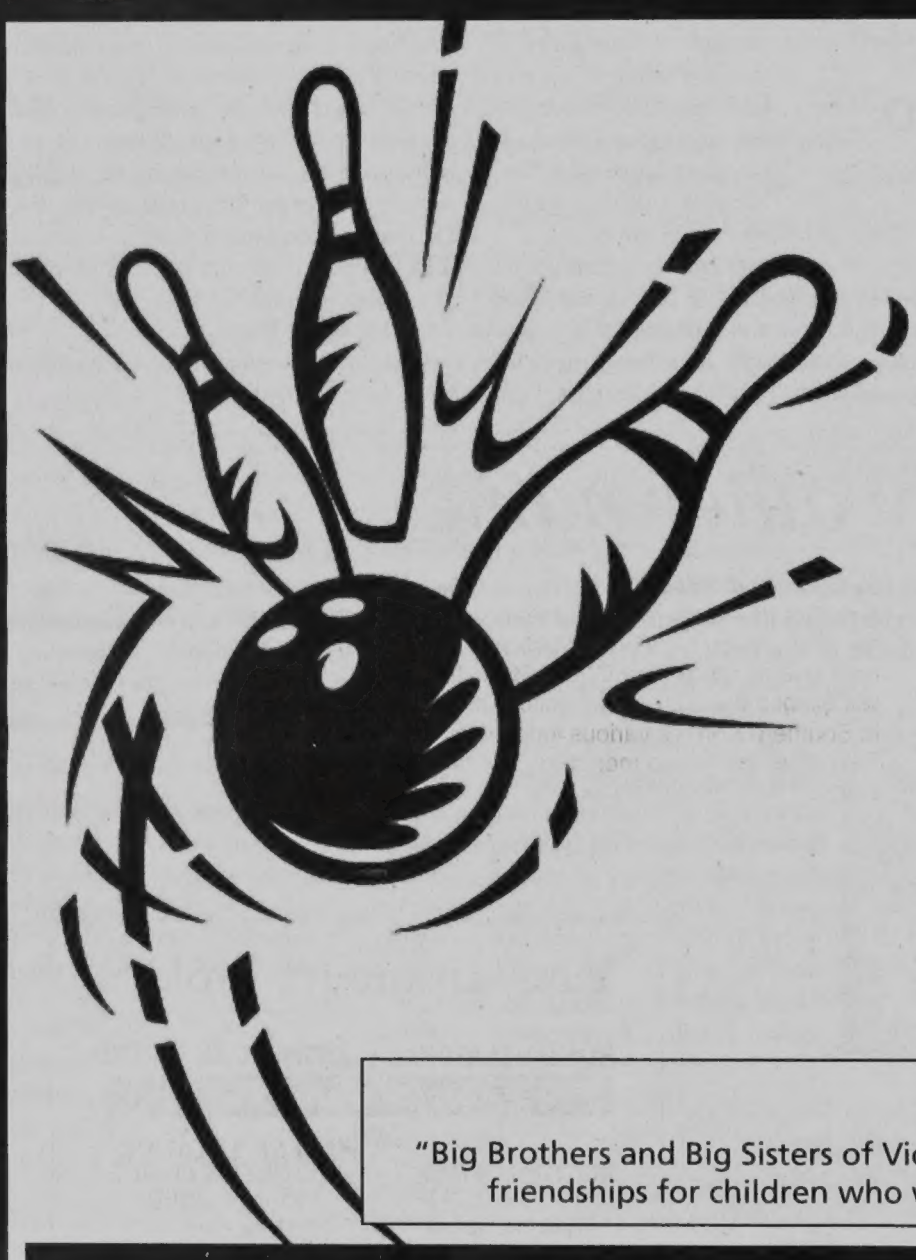

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Martha Perkins

A matter of space as the editorial goes to bed

This editorial is being written before the editorial staff begins laying out this week's paper. Yet after a quick look at the story list, it's fair to guess we'll only get in half to two-thirds of what we've written into the paper you're reading today.

There's a competition for space in the newspaper business. The number of pages is determined by the amount of advertising we get. More advertising, more pages. Less advertising, and we often have to leave out stories we've written.

Which brings us to the dilemma we've been facing since the owner of The Haliburton County Echo, Len Pizzey, bought the Minden Times.

In the past, the two papers competed with each other for readers. We went to the same council meetings because we were each trying to position ourselves as the paper of choice. We didn't want to miss out on something the other paper might have.

Competition is good, of course, but it meant that the papers didn't have the time or resources to cover a variety of events. Here at The Echo, we certainly didn't have as much time to spend in communities to the east and south such as Gooderham and Wilberforce. So when the ownership of the two papers merged, we saw this as an ideal opportunity to improve our coverage of the county. Now that we weren't busy chasing after the same stories, we could devote ourselves to providing more comprehensive coverage of people and events throughout the county. The Times would focus on Minden and the Highway 35 corridor; The Echo would focus on Haliburton and our easterly neighbours.

By and large, this approach has worked well but we've faced several conundrums. What do we do about stories that have a county interest? It truly doesn't make business or journalistic sense to send two reporters to the same meeting. But when we tried putting the same story in both papers, we were told we'd lose readers because people who bought both papers wouldn't want to read the same stories twice. If we left out a story, then we were accused of forcing people to buy both papers as if it was capitalism at its most heartless.

We have come to accept that we can't make all of the readers happy all of the time. We have made mistakes; there is a learning curve going on here. We will continue to do things that make readers unhappy.

Yet from our perspective, we're doing a better job of truly covering the county. The papers used to have the same stories, written by different reporters, but about the same things. That means a lot of stories about other things weren't being written. Today, content is as different as we can make it. We're trying to give readers of each paper lively coverage of what makes their part of the county strong. Yes it means that readers might miss something if they don't buy both papers, but that's not crass capitalism. By keeping the papers as unique as possible, we're virtually able to double the number of stories we're able to get in.

We'd be more willing to change our direction if it wasn't for those darned story lists and the number of stories we have to postpone for a week or two, or three... (We still have a couple of stories from last summer; we've decided to keep them until this summer.) We simply can't get all the news in. If we can't do that with each paper running different stories, how would we fare if we were doubling up on more stories?

Please be patient, kind readers. Allow us our mistakes and give us your feedback. Let us know from your perspective as a reader what we're doing wrong, or what you'd like us to do. We won't always be able to comply with your wishes, but we'll certainly try.

Darren Lum and Allison Taylor/TIMES

Korea bound

(l-r) Rotary member and trip leader Brian Menton stands with Echo/Times reporter Darren Lum and U-Links co-ordinator Kate Hall who will be going on a one month Rotary Group Study Exchange in Southern Korea. The trip will expose the team to the culture and the professional methods employed in Southern Korea's various industries.
Two other exchange members, Robert Lamarre from Lindsay and Melanie Gagnon from North Bay will also go.

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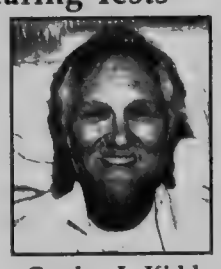
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Todd Fullerton of the MTO inspects brakes.

24 trucks taken off the road

But MTO inspectors were happy with school buses

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario in co-operation with the Ontario Provincial Police, conducted a heavy truck inspection blitz in Haliburton County last week.

MTO inspectors from North Bay, Parry Sound and Huntsville spent most of the week in Haliburton County inspecting trucks. Inspectors were working in the Haliburton and east area of the county Tuesday and Wednesday and in Minden and the Highway 35 corridor, as well as part of Highway 118 on Thursday and Friday.

Howard Smith, an inspector from North Bay explained that vehicles were being stopped and directed to the MTO yard in Minden Thursday. The reason for using the MTO yard," Smith said, "is so we don't interfere with traffic and for safety reasons. We wouldn't want to do inspections on the side of the highway."

A total of 61 vehicles were inspected over the first three days of the blitz, including nine school buses. The good news is that the only thing inspectors could find wrong with the school buses was one bulb burned out in one of the vehicles' four-way warning flashers.

Other trucks didn't fare as well. Twenty-four vehicles were taken out of service with minor problems. When repaired, the vehicles were allowed back on the road.

The blitz resulted in 23 charges being laid, including two for being over the legal load limit or GVW (gross vehicle weight). Other charges related to equipment infractions and such violations as not having up to date log book entries.

Only two vehicles had the licence plates removed and were taken off the road for safety reasons. In addition, two drivers were ticketed for not having proper air brake endorsements.

OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli said that 34 warnings were issued for various minor offenses.

"Charges are one thing," said OPP constable Dave Robertson, who was assisting with the blitz, "warning and educating are another. It depends on what the inspectors are faced with. There are some things there are no exceptions for and other things that, if it can be fixed right now, there's no ticket given, but the paperwork still goes in, noting that you had that violation."

Robertson explained that there is a criteria spelling out which violations result in tickets being issued and/or licence plates removed and a vehicle taken out of service.

"It depends on the seriousness of the violation," Robertson said. "It usually involves steering or brakes."

Along with the safety of the vehicles themselves, inspectors also make sure the drivers are licensed and qualified to operate the particular type of vehicle. Current air brake endorsements are just one example of the qualifications they check.

Inspections usually take between 20 minutes and an hour, depending on the type of vehicle and the type of use it sees. School bus inspections take longer because of the special safety features and equipment that are incorporated into their design.

Transportation Enforcement Officer Karen Pickering, from the Huntsville branch of the MTO, said that vehicles with a GVW of 4,500 kilograms or more must be inspected annually and drivers must be able to show proof of that inspection when requested.

"When you get into commercial vehicles, you need a pre-trip inspection, your log book for hours operated and other things," Robertson explained. "The paperwork is more involved. Some things can't be verified by phone, so it is imperative that they carry that paperwork with them. Without that paperwork, a vehicle could be deemed unfit."

Pickering was pleased that the school buses passed the inspections with no problems. "They have the most precious cargo there is," she said.

Constable Robertson said the blitz was "half education and half shock therapy."

It was noted that inspections can be carried out at any time. Inspectors and police officers are always on the lookout for loads that are not secured properly and other violations

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Above: Stu Saunders, an educational director with the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, feeds "Pokey" the porcupine while a large gathering of adults and children listen. Out of the frame, wildlife educator Julie Lacroix dispells common misconceptions of the animal. Left: Two-year-old Kaslo Hamilton waits for her mother Elise to get the candy while father Cirvan enjoys the moment with Hidden Valley's bunny looking on. Right: Laura Scur, 16, loves the sweets as she samples some maple syrup toffee with friend Tom Graham, 15, unsure whether to do the same. Both were up from Whitby winter camping.

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Subaru rally team tunes up on Minden ice racing track

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

You never know who you might meet at the ice racing track in Minden. It is more than just the home of the ice racing series. Sometimes it is used by major manufacturers and racing or rally teams to test vehicles and components.

Last week, some of the members of the Subaru Canadian Rally Team used the track as a tune-up for the 37th annual Rallye Perce-Neige-Maniwaki in Quebec from February 22-24.

Patrick Richard took some time from testing his equipment to explain why the crew was in Minden and provide some insight about the sport of rally racing.

The 280 horsepower Subaru Impreza WRX is put through its paces on the slippery, water-covered ice track at the Minden fairgrounds in preparation for a weekend race in Quebec.

"Today, what we're doing is grooving tires," he said. "We're trying different tire compounds. It's very slippery today because we've had a thaw and there is about an inch of standing water on top of the ice. So, we're grooving out our tires with a tire groover, which is essentially a hot blade which is put into the tire tread, opening it up to dissipate some of the water and reduce hydro-planing. So, we'll do a few laps with the grooved out tires and see how they work. Based on that, we'll make the decision about what we use tomorrow. We're hoping that our testing today here in Minden will allow us to race for an overall win. That's what we're aiming for."

How does a driver get into the sport of rallying?

"I live in Whistler (BC) and I often used to drive fast on the back roads. I saw rallying on TSN, so I said, 'hey, that's what I like to do, but it's legal'."

He said would-be racers can enter at a very basic level, using a street car with basic safety gear.

"We (he and racing partner/long-time friend Ian McCurdy) did really well in our first few races and by the end of the year, we had been offered a factory drive with Subaru Canada. It was kind of a meteoric rise. I've only been doing this for three years. I'm trying to make a go of it as a career."

The duo used Richard's own Subaru in the beginning. "I think that was helpful in grabbing the attention of Subaru Canada," he said.

Richard and McCurdy have been racing together as a team since the start. "I've known Ian since I was a little kid," Richard said. "Ian and I have wrecked lots of cars together."

McCurdy was not in Minden for the test session, but was scheduled to meet Richard in Manawaki the next day.

"The car we're driving is a Subaru Impreza WRX," said Richard during a break while a set of tires was being prepared for the wet, icy track Thursday afternoon. "It is actually very close to production. It's not heavily modified at all."

The car is equipped with safety features such as a roll cage and special six-point safety belt systems for the driver and co-driver/navigator. The interior has been gutted of back seats and trim to reduce weight.

"We have an engine management kit in it," Richard added. " It's a turbo car, so it cranks up the turbo boost.

"The Subaru Canada rally team has three Imprezas running in the Canadian Rally Championship," Richard said. "We're going to be representing Subaru Canada at this rally."

There are nine rounds in the Championship series and they are held at venues across Canada.

Richard and McCurdy race in the Group N class, which is the international class for production based rally cars.

The turbo Impreza puts out about 280 horsepower. "It's all wheel drive with limited slip differentials in the front, centre and rear and we run on Yohohama Guardex ice tires," Richard said. "Other than that, it's pretty much stock."

The Subaru team includes 21 personnel, including drivers and crew, as well as a couple of executives who attend the events.

"I think we're regarded as the top rallying team in Canada," Richard said. "Last year we [Subaru] won the North American championship for production cars. We also won the North American championship for open class, which is unlimited modifications."

Subaru takes the rally series very seriously. As a sponsor of the series, Richard said the company has a big presence in the sport. The Subaru team's budget for the year is in excess of a million dollars.

"With the association with rallying, they get significant international media exposure," he said. All of the rounds of the Canadian Championship are televised on TSN and in French on RDS. In addition to being aired in Canada, the rallies are telecast in the UK, Australia and Asia.

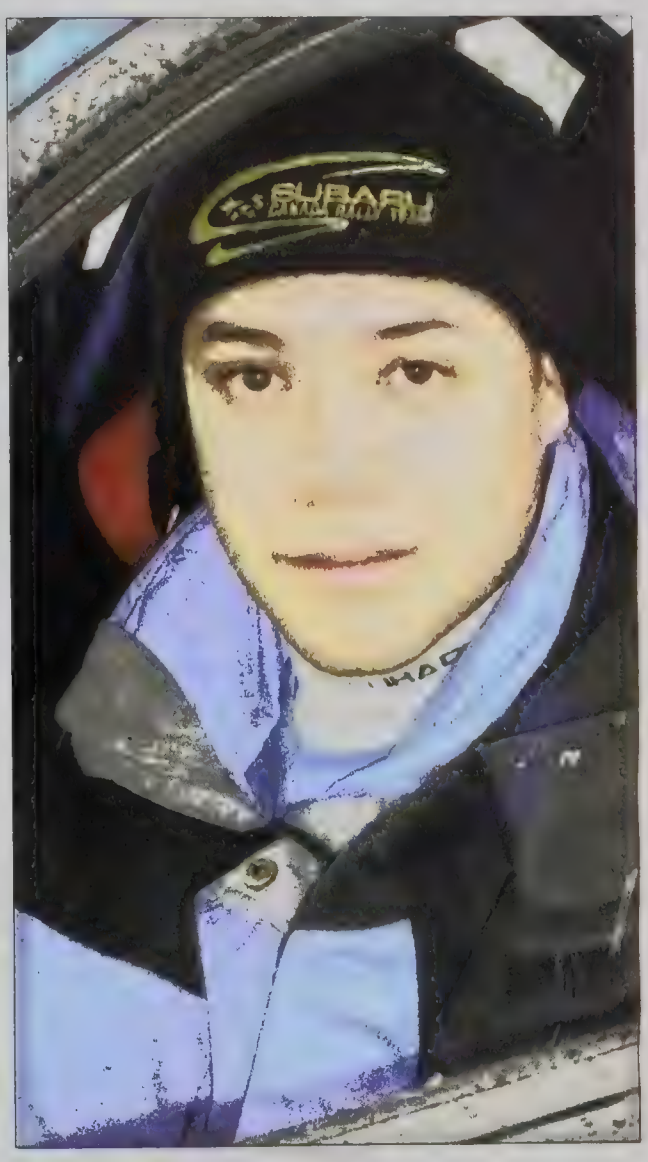
Richard said he expected as many as 50,000 spectators at the event in Maniwaki this past weekend.

"It's different from a track event," he said. "People don't sit in grandstands because you're on closed roads. They're often out in the woods waiting for their favourite rally drivers to come by.

"At some events they have what they call super special stages, which are spectator stages. They'd have a track set up very much like the they have here in Minden, but they would have grandstands and bleachers."

There are nine events in the Canadian Championship series, starting with the Rallye de Quebec in January. The Maniwaki event was the second of the series. The final event of the season is the Rally of the Tall Pines, based in Bancroft in late November. Those three events are snow and ice events, which Richard considers more exciting for rally fans.

"The other events are gravel events. In the gravel events, you get to reach higher speeds because there's more grip on the roads. But they're not as spectacular for the spectators. The spectators like to see the cars come around the corners sliding sideways with the spray flying."



Patrick Richard, a driver with the Subaru Canadian Rally Team, was in Minden last Thursday for some last minute testing of his car before heading to Manawaki, Quebec for the Rallye Perce-Neige-Manawaki, one of nine rallies in the Canadian Championship series. The Whistler, BC resident is enjoying considerable success in just three years of racing in the Canadian rally circuit.

Race teams earn points based on their finishes at each of the events. "At selected events, you also earn points towards the North American Rally Championship," Richard said.

Each rally features several different classes. "They range from your basic Rabbit, all the way up to an unlimited open class car that would be similar to a car that they race in Europe on the International Rally Circuit. And, you've got everything in between. For example, at the rally this weekend, there are 60 cars racing in about eight classes."

> ***"It's great fun. You get to drive someone else's car as fast as you can. What more could you ask?"***
>
> **Patrick Richard**

The average rally is 300 to 400 kilometres, of which, 200 km are closed time special stages. The remainder are road sections that link the closed roads. Cars leave at one minute intervals. "We drive flat out for 200 km and at the end of the day, we see who's been the fastest," Richard said. "You don't really get door-to-door action unless somebody is going slowly or they are having a problem. That way, it's up to each individual team of driver and co-driver to attack the road with everything they have and they go as fast as possible."

Local rally fans have the opportunity to experience an event nearby.

"The Rally of the Tall Pines is very close to here," Richard pointed out. "It's very well attended. It's a big event. The entire town of Bancroft is really into it. They let us run on the roads right in town. It's a good event."

Patrick Richard believes he has the dream job.

"It's great fun. You get to drive someone else's car as fast as you can," he said. "What more could you ask?"

Atom A Storm faces tough competition in round robin

by WENDY SISSON
Special to The Times

Like all other local hockey teams, the Highland Storm's Atom B team, sponsored by the Minden Subway, is well into playoffs.

Due to the great efforts during regular season, the members of this team found themselves in the top loop for the first of the playoff round robin. The home team found itself on the short end of the first 4 very close games, losing by one or two goals. But during a visit from the Woodville squad, or maybe because of the return of the assistant coach, the Storm rallied and kept the opposition guessing.

With some great end-to-end action, the referees even had a hard time keeping up with the pace, as all four goals in the game were unassisted. First would be the home team with a hard-fought goal by Daniel Langpohl, who stuck with it until the job was done.

Woodville responded with two goals to take the lead, but in the final minutes Cole Scheffee bobbed and weaved his way through the defense to end the game in a 2-2 tie.

With the playoffs brings some mid-week travelling and the next journey for the Atom A Storm would be to Beaverton. This game turned out to be one of the best of the round robin series so far.

The Storm lit up the board first with a goal from Jordan Dick, assisted by Brady Yavis and Cole. Midway through the first period, the Storm found itself defending against a penalty shot. With Curtis Nichol standing true to form in goal, he never lost sight of the oncoming shooter, denying him access to his domain and giving the team an obvious boost of confidence to go on.

In the last minute of the first frame, Ryan Sherwood would add to the Storm's count, assisted by Jay Winfield and Logan Brown.

From there the Storm never looked back. Jordan put another point up in the second, assisted by Daniel Walker and Jarrett Donaldson. Then, in the third Jay scored, with the helpers going to Ryan and Logan.

The next home game will be Wednesday, February 27 in Haliburton at 7 p.m. against Beaverton.

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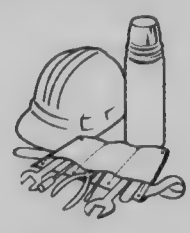

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Gravenhurst Lakers weather Storm for 4-4 tie

by **ANDREW PAUL**
Special to The Times

The return match between the Gravenhurst Lakers and the Novice A Highland Storm proved to be as much fun as the first one. This match-up featured two equal teams going head to head in a well played, friendly game. Considering that the Storm was without leader Scott Griffith, this game also stood as a character builder.

Ashton Haley remains on the sidelines for at least another four weeks recovering from a broken leg. Call-ups Ian Bottum and J. J. Kerr, from the Novice B1 team, certainly made positive contributions to the cause with their hustle and skilled plays.

Gravenhurst opened the scoring with 4:36 left in the first period. The Storm answered back with two quick goals with 1:36 and 1:13 showing on the clock. The first was scored by Chris Judge, from Bottum, and the second was netted by Keaton Gadway, from Kerr and Matthew Gallagher on some nice passing plays.

The first period ended with the Storm ahead 2-1.

The second frame saw the two teams exchange goals. Bottum scored, assisted by Mark Vasey near the middle of the period, but Gravenhurst answered with 1:40 left in the frame. Honorable mentions go to Vasey for his excellent two-way play on defense and Matthew Gallagher, who was equally outstanding with his stellar defense and offensive rushes. Their partners, Michael Callaghan and Drew Paul provided a good deal of latitude by backing up the play all the way.

The third period saw a reuniting of the ABC line (AN)Drew Paul, Brandon Yake, Chris Judge). This line only, recently thrown together, had combined for 12 points in its last outing. The boys made the most of their brief reunion, with Judge scoring, assisted by Michael Callaghan, and Paul at 3:24. That goal seemed to light a fire in the Lakers, as they immediately replied 11 seconds later. The game's fast end-to-end pace continued, with the Lakers pressing close to the Storm net. Goalie Zack Harrison was sharp, making numerous brilliant saves. The defensive units provided superb support by clearing traffic and loose pucks from the front of the net. The defense also stood up at the blueline, intercepting would-be attacks and quickly spearheading counter plays into the Laker end.

Brett Hicks gave the Laker goalie fits as he weaved his magic in front of the net with numerous scoring opportunities, but he couldn't find the handle. The play was fairly equal, with the Lakers getting a break late in the game by capitalizing on a power play opportunity with four minutes left in the game.

The Storm pressed hard to get the winner. The game was in the final minute, when Kerr hustled after a loose puck in the Laker end, drove to the net, only to have the puck stopped right on the goal line. Despite much concerted effort by both teams to get the game winner, this one ended in a 4-4 tie.

Lester Brothers record 10 top-four finishes in Peterborough

The Canadian Sno-Cross Racing Association (SCRA) Championship Series went to Peterborough, Ontario for the legendary Kawartha Cup.

A.J. Lester of Minden, piloting his Prentice Powersports/Ontario Snowmobiler Magazine Ski-Doos, recovered from a huge off in Friday night's practice, nursing a cut and bruised forehead to handily win both the Semi-Pro 500 and Open finals, taking a commanding lead in the Ontario Racetrack Slots Series.

In Saturday's qualifying A.J., his friend and ace mechanic Steve Charity served notice they were looking to score in all three Semi-Pro classes and in Pro-600. When the green flag dropped in the Pro 600 Final, it was A.J.'s MX-ZX 440 Ski-Doo exiting the first turn in the lead. With the Pro pack in hot pursuit, his brother Luke appeared in second and began to run A.J. down. On lap seven of the final, Luke carved under A.J. to take the lead until the finish line jump when A.J. went huge on the outside creating a delayed announcement of the winner while video footage was reviewed. After Fifteen minutes CSRA officials announced it was A.J. taking the win by less than six inches. This was A.J.'s first Pro victory.

Strangely, in the Semi-Pro 600 final A.J. became tangled in a first lap pile up and remounted - dead last. Riding lake a man on a mission, A.J. worked his way through the fourteen rider field to score an impressive fourth at the checkers.

In Sunday's Semi-Pro 500 and Open finals it was A.J. leading the way scoring two more first place finishes. A.J.'s weekend netted him five firsts and a fourth, including the Pro-600 victory.

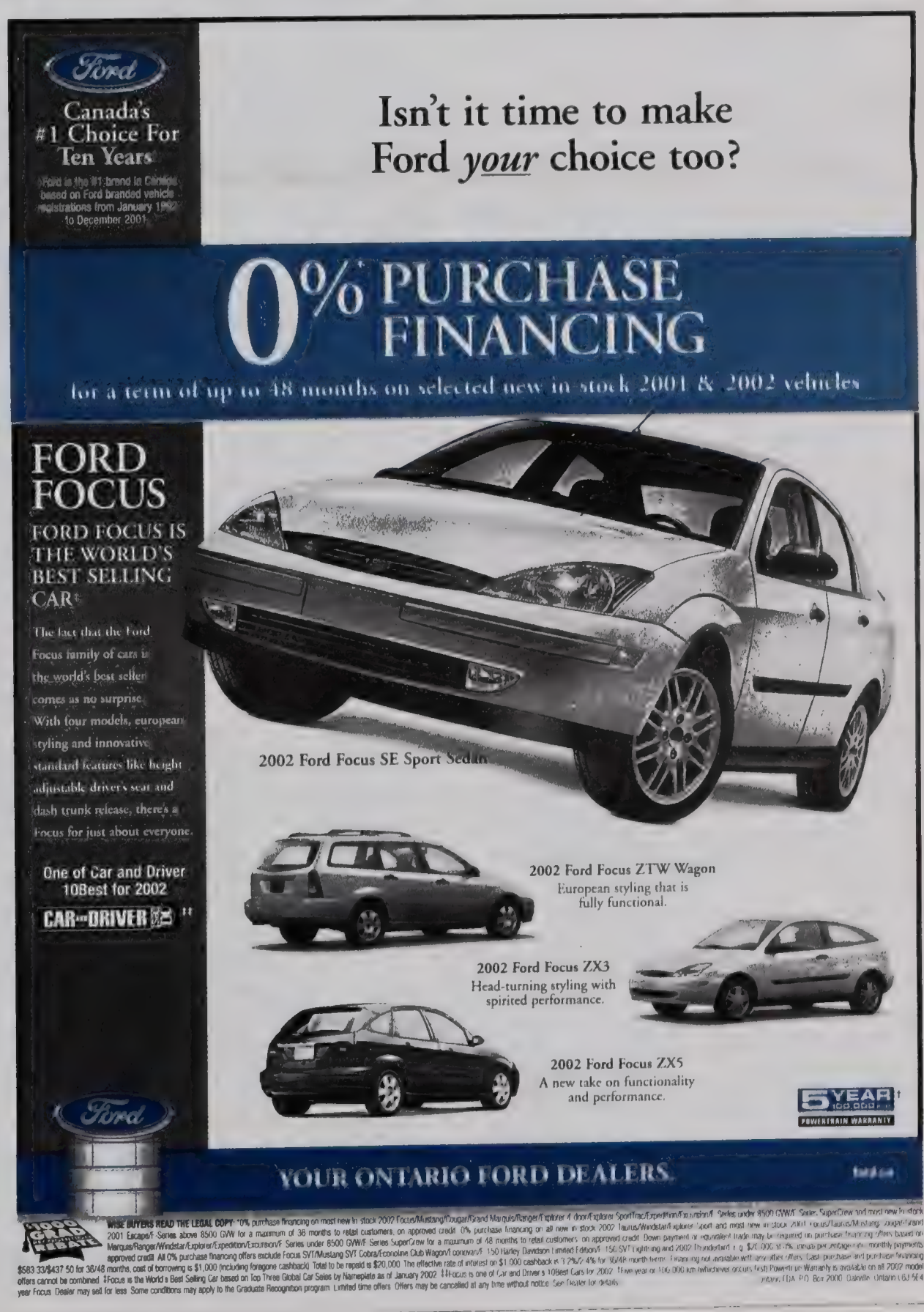
Luke Lester powered his Janssens/SUPERTRAX Magazine Polaris Pro-X fleet to an incredible weekend tally of three seconds and a first in Pro-500.

In Friday night's Ontario Racetrack Slots Series Luke showed his stuff, trading paint with the Canadian Champion in the Pro 500 final. Luke ran down the Arctic Cat rider and by lap seven made a sweet pass for the lead. Carrying huge speed, Luke appeared headed for the win until the CSRA #1 plate holder made a last turn dive on Luke and narrowly outran him to the checkers.

In Saturday's Pro qualifying Luke was clearly running the best in his six-year career. As you've already read, in the Pro-600 Final it was excitement and mixed emotions in the Lester brothers camp when A.J. grabbed an incredibly close win over his brother Luke.

This event served to intensify the 21-year-old's resolve to take the checkers in Sunday's Pro-500 final. In fact, Luke left the line with a commanding holeshot provided by expert tuning from his veteran and talented mechanic Tim George. His Polaris showed nothing but its snow flap to the Pro field as Luke led wire to wire, scoring his first Pro victory of the 2002 season.

Relegated to a back row start in Pro Open as a result of a mechanical problem in qualifying, Luke used the imposing power of his Hot-to-Go Racing 800 Polaris to exit the first turn in third place. The three riders up front literally checked out on the Pro field until a red flag re-start on lap eight left Luke's sled cold, holding him to a strong second at the checkers. Luke's weekend tally was three seconds and a first.



CARNARVONBOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon League
(February 19)

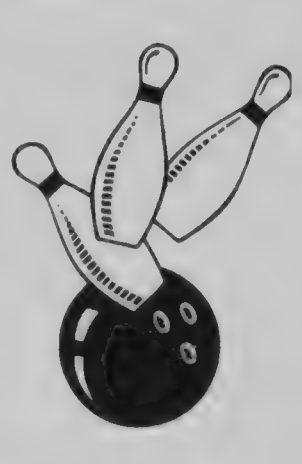
High average: Ken Thompson 216; Mona Benn 190
High single: Ed Braithwaite 311; Jean Pugh 228
High single (handicap): Chris Hill 329; Sandy Ross 283
High triple: Chris Hill 817; Lillian Mattsson 608
High triple (handicap): Chris Hill 874; Sandy Ross 763

Wednesday Afternoon League
(February 20)

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Marie Thompson 188
High single: Avard Edwards 282; Jean Pugh 225
High single (handicap): Avard Edwards 303; Jean Pugh 269
High triple: Avard Edwards 637; Jean Pugh 648
High triple (handicap): Avard Edwards 709; Jean Pugh 780

Thursday Afternoon League
(February 21)

High average: Ken Thompson 279; Barbara Gamble 200
High single: Ken Thompson 338; Beverley Alexander 254
High single (handicap): Leroy Eager 295; Beverley Alexander 306
High triple: Ken Thompson 839; Barbara Gamble 600
High triple (handicap): Leroy Eager 727; Barbara Gamble 789



MINDENBOWLING

Legion 636 Mixed League
(February 18)
High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Maxine Cross 162
High single: Neville Whiteside 263; Judy Kent 189
High single (handicap): Neville Whiteside 302; udy Kent 250
High triple: Neville Whiteside 632; Judy Kent 485
High triple (handicap): Neville Whiteside 749; Judy Kent 668

Tuesday Night Mixed League
High average: Scott Moore 255; Cathy Snell 239
High single: Gord McAllister 276; Michelle Moore 261
High single (handicap): Eddie Dykstra 299; Michelle Moore 261
High triple: Scott Moore 744; Cathy Snell 741
High triple (handicap): Eddie Dykstra 736; Michelle Moore 746

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League
(February 14)
High average: Eddie Dykstra 197; Mona Benn/Grace Chapman 186
High single: Don Chapman 365; Grace Chapman 221
High single (handicap): Don Chapman 409; Mitzi Alzner 275
High triple: Don Chapman 696; Grace Chapman 617
High triple (handicap): Don Chapman 828; Grace Chapman 713

MINDENCURLING

Week Six

Monday Ladies' League
Cheryl Murdoch 9, Melanie Vigrass 9, Pat Campbell 10, Zelda Cooper 8, Pat Woodcroft 11, Lynda Eaton 5

Tuesday Men's League
Ted Wilkes 7, Ross Wray 6, Don Ballantyne 9, Ed Cyr 7,Rob Eaton 2, Alf Trotter 12, Dwight Thomas 12, Bill Roodenburg 10, Dan Garbutt 8, Jim Pollard 5, Ross Bryant 10, Ross Davies 5

Thursday Mixed League
Ross Bryant 10, Jack Taylor 3, Dan Garbutt 12, Cheryl Murdoch 9, Don Ballantyne 6, Sandy Cole 5,Ted Wilkes 6, Zelda Cooper 6, Rob Eaton 11, Pat Campbell 5, Peter McNeilage 11, Jim Burrows 1, Pat Woodcroft 9, Melanie Vigrass 1.

Friday Mixed League
Paul Prentice 12, Sandy Cole 5, Brian Cross 7, Bill Roodenburg 6, Ryan Cole 16, Russell Warning 3.

Upcoming Bonspiels
March 2: Straw and Stone Bonspiel
March 24: Junior Curling year-end Bonspiel

Ridgewood Ford Trophy winners are (left to right) lead Lloyd Cameron, second Jim Mount, vice Don Oliver, skip Graham Day. The tropy was presented by draw master Don Balentine

Whoa! Curling seniors take home top prize at the Minden club

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
Times staff

Sixteen teams from as far as Huntsville, Bancroft, Port Hope and Orillia came to Minden to compete in the 8th annual Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Bonspiel, which was hosted by the Minden Seniors' Curling Club on February 19.

Tremendous comraderie, an excellent hot lunch and very keen competition were highlights of the event.

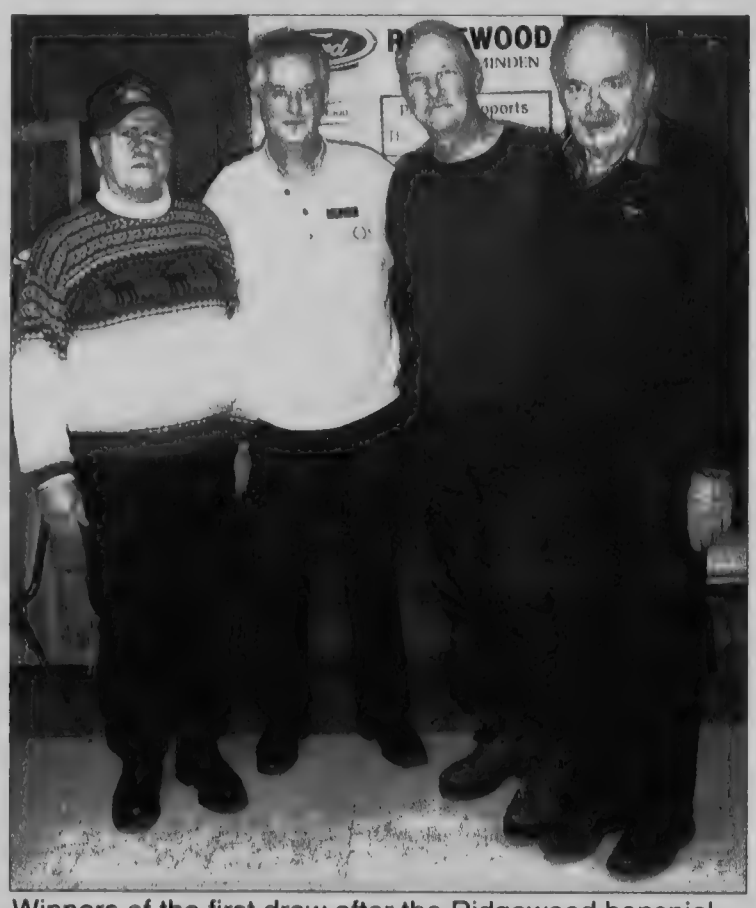
The team comprised of skip Graham Day, vice Don Oliver, second Jim Mount and lead Lloyd Cameron from the Beaverton Curling Club, finished first in the 11 a.m. draw and took the Ridgewood Ford Trophy as the overall winner.

The South Muskoka (Bracebridge) rink of skip Stewart Mitchell, vice Earl Fagin, second John Hunter and lead Bruce White took first place in the 9 a.m. draw.

Second place in the early draw went to the Minden rink skipped by Ross Davies, with vice Peter MacNeilage, second Bruce Fisher and lead Murray Cooper.

The rink skipped by Peter Learmouth of the Dalewood Golf and Curling Club finished a close second in the second draw. His team included vice Walter Mueller, second Roger Tatz and lead Clare Kidd.

"Many thanks to Larry Moynes and Ridgewood Ford for their continued support, to the Minden Seniors' Curling Club Ladies who catered the bonspiel and to all the curlers who participated, maintaining Minden's reputation as the best Senior Men's Bonspiel in the area," said draw master of the event Don Ballantyne.



Winners of the first draw after the Ridgewood bonspiel couldn't be more chummy after the game. From left to right, skip Stu Mitchell, vice Earl Fagin, second John Hunter and lead Bruce White were all smiles.

Photos by Jerry Grozelle/Times

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HOME & *Garden* TOUR

THE MINDEN LIONESS CLUB invites the homeowners from Minden / Haliburton and the surrounding area to open their homes and or gardens for the Haliburton Highlands Home & Garden Tour in 2002. All proceeds of the tour are donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. If you are a prospective host home or can suggest someone who may be willing to be a host home, please contact Kelly Moore of the Tour Committee at 489-3773 or the Foundation Office at 286-1580 / 457-1580 before March 15, 2002. This will allow adequate time to prepare for this year's tour, scheduled for July 20, 2002.

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OPPBRIEFS

Ontario Provincial Police

Two 19-year-old youths have been charged with stealing a snowmobile from the parking lot behind McKeck's Place in Haliburton on February 9.

Both young men are from Haliburton County. They were also charged with possession of property obtained by crime.

Witnesses saw two young people take the 1997 SkiDoo at approximately 7:53 and ride towards the Rails End Gallery.

Theft

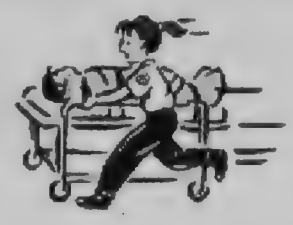
Two snowmobile helmets, a cell phone and i.d. were stolen from a tuck that was parked on the bridge in Donald on February 20. The theft occurred some time over last weekend.

Break and enter

A set of keys were stolen from a cottage on Lake Kashagawigamog Lake. A window was smashed leading into the cottage.

A draft beer machine was stolen from a screened-in porch at a cottage on Dart Lake Road in Dysart. The thief did not break into the cottage.

A pair of binoculars were stolen from a cottage on Outram Road in Highlands East some time between February 2 and 16. The back door had been opened and a window broken.



Clarification

The reduction in the speed limit along Highway 35 at Miner's Bay will be effective on May 1, 2002.

Darren Lum/TIMES

A lentil of a good time

Dietician Janice Lewis serves up a bowl of Red Lentil Barte soup for the diabetes workshop participants while nurse educator Judy Webb takes a person's blood sample before eating.

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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Expropriations Act

Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land

IN THE MATTER of an application by the Minister of Transportation for approval to expropriate lands being: in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, now the Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton, in the Province of Ontario, for the purpose of providing sufficient land for the reconstruction of Kings's Highway No. 35 from the Victoria/Haliburton County boundary northerly 8.1 km to 0.3 km north of Clear Lake Road/Pineridge Road, and works related thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the lands in the schedule attached hereto:

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

(a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;

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THE APPROVING AUTHORITY IS

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Minister of Transportation
Per: Beverly Christie-Froud
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SCHEDULE

All right, title and interest in the lands described as follows:

In the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, now in the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton, in the Province of Ontario being:

1. **a)** Part of Lot 19, Concession 7, designated as Parts 3, 4 and 5, on Ministry of Transportation Plan of Survey P-2789-85 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton as Plan 19R-7024.
2. **a)** Part of Lot 26, Concession 6, designated as Part 11, on Ministry of Transportation Plan of Survey P-2789-90 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton as Plan 19R-7044.
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7. **a)** Part of Lot 27, Concession 5, designated as Part 1, on Ministry of Transportation Plan of Survey P-2789-101 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton as Plan 19R-7226.

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED the 18th day of February, 2002.

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Roads, traffic lights, oh me oh my!

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Special to The Times

The following are brief discussions of roads related items discussed by county council on Wednesday.

The roads department was authorized to hire a consultant to look into whether a traffic light at County Road 1 and County Road 121 in Haliburton is warranted.

The Ministry of Transportation has a checklist to follow; it includes things such as the number of accidents and traffic counts in a given period of time.

121 project

The department is almost ready to put out tenders for the second phase of the reconstruction of County Road 121 from the Ingoldsby turnoff to the Allsaw bridge. The county completed the first phase, from Hwy 35 to the Ingoldsby turnoff, last year.

Road needs study

The request for proposals for the roads needs study will be ready by March 8. The study determines which roads are the highest priority over the next few years.

East Redstone bridge

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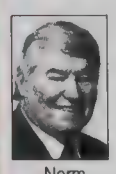
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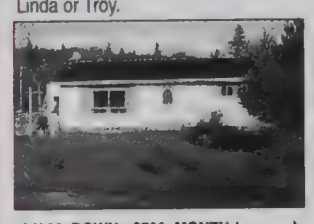

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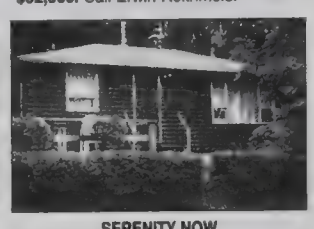

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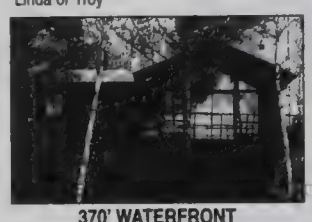

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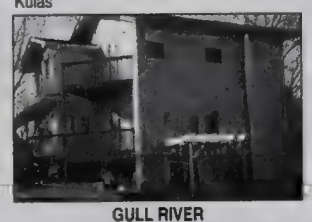

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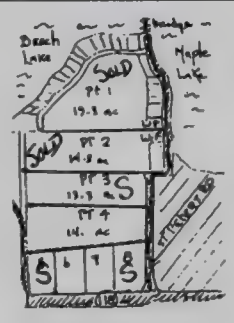

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Irondale community centre gets thumbs up from Highlands East council

Building and health permits are on the way for the portable-based centre at the baseball park.

by KERRY RILEY
Special to The Times

Highlands East council is supporting a group of citizens interested in erecting a community centre in the Irondale Baseball Park. The group has already procured a portable which will be used as the main building of the centre, and as Barrie Simmons told council on February 12, building and health permits are currently being processed.

The community hopes to use the centre to "promote, advance, preserve and develop culture, arts and history," in the area, and hold "sports, cultural and educational events."

The baseball park has a rather tangled history which Simmons attempted to sort out for council. It was originally donated to the former township of Glamorgan, which, at the time was not interested in assuming responsibility for a community park, and therefore sold the land to Snowdon for one dollar. As a result of recent amalgamations, the park land is now owned by Minden Hills, although it is located in Highlands East. The community of Irondale itself, is split between Highlands East and Minden Hills.

Simmons estimated the completion costs for the erection of the centre at $30,000 and wondered what support the council was prepared to offer the group, in monetary terms, labour, or materials, noting that a significant proportion of its potential users would be Highlands East residents.

Council applauded the group's efforts, and were unanimous in their opinion that some support should be offered. There was, initially, also some talk of assuming ownership of the land, although no decision was made. "Leave it with us for inclusion in our budgetary considerations," advised Reeve Keith Tallman.

In the meantime, council requested that the group draw up a list of the materials and labour which had already been offered as donations, so that they could form a clearer picture of what was needed.

A fishing derby on Salerno Lake on March 2 will raise money for the centre. It's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. The entry fee is $10 and you can register at the Irondale Ball Park (follow the signs.) A shuttle service to the lake is available, as well as a barbeque and refreshments. The prizes, for fish by weight, are $150, $100 and $50, pluse others. For more information call 447-2380 or 447, 2247. All MNR regulations apply; live bait and supplies are available at registrations.

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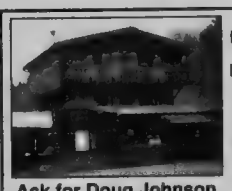

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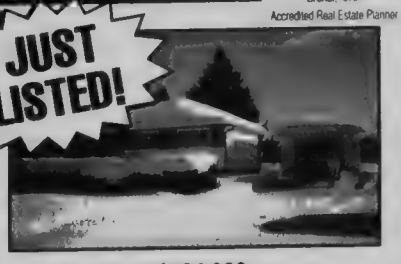

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All has returned to normal here at the farmhouse after a busy company-filled weekend.

An invitation is extended to everyone by the churches of Kinmount to attend their special service in celebration of the World Day of Prayer on this Friday March 1 at the Kinmount United Church, Cluxton Avenue, at 2 p.m. Entitled "Challenged to Reconcile" the service is based on one written by the women of Romania and adapted for Canadian use. Now for the scores:

Thursday, February 14 euchre at the Minden Legion 636: Georgina Parkes had most lone hands for the ladies and Marcel Roussel for the men. High score for the ladies went to Kay Orr, while Tom Mack took the honours for the men. Vi Edgson and Neville Whiteside were low man and lady. Other prizes were won by Bess Cox, Bill Van Dyke, Lois Adamson, John Mallon and Ed Hisson

Friday February 15 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South. In first with 57% were Maria and Nick Lehoczky and Rita and Glen Lockhart were second with 55%. For East/West with 60%, Joan Galley and Mike Collins took first place and Stella McMillan and Ross Davies were second with 57%.

Saturday, February 16 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Ruth Kellett reports that Norm Lee took first place with 270, followed by Pat Roussel with 266. For the hidden score it was Barb Robitaille, Mary Coltman and Pat Scadden. The four moonshots went to Bill St. Thomas, Margaret Fletcher, Marcel Roussel and Pat Scadden.

Monday, February 18 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For lone hands it was Joyce Ritchie for the men and Jeanne Keliele for the ladies. The winners for high lady/man were Pearl Cowen and Laura Carnegie while Norm Lee and Mary Goldsmith were low man/lady. Pearl Cowen and Betty Sharpe won the draws and Lorna Hicks was "skunked." Thanks to Katie Parker for this update.

Monday, February 18 cribbage at the Minden Legion 636: Kim McCabe took first place, followed by Pat Scadden. Draw winners were Brenda DeGuire, along with Jean and Pat Scadden.

Monday, February 18 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Margaret Fletcher had the lone hand, while Olive Daniels and Rhoda Woolner shared the high ladies honours. Low lady and man were Barb Robitaille and Stan Dutka, while Ivan Kernohan was a double winner with both high man and the baloney.

Monday, February 18 bid euchre at Kinmount Legion 441: Marjorie Paradis took the high score with Elva Paisley second. The moonshot winners were Dorothy McElwain, Jean Scadden,Mildred St. Thomas and Marjorie Paradis while Bill St. Thomas and Isabel Cherwenka shared the wealth (just in time for RRSP deposit deadlines!)

Tuesday, February 19 euchre at Gelert: Audrey Vick reports that Isabelle Saunders was a double winner, taking both high lady and the 50/50. Reta Crofts was low lady, while Don Hicks and Ted Wilkins took the high and low honours for the gents. Harold Harvie had the lone hand.

Tuesday, February 19 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Pat Scadden with splits for the next two positions between Norm Lee and Thelma Francis, with Mary Coltman and Isabel Cherwenka next. Moonshots went to Isabel Cherwenka and Jack Chilton, while Milton Fletcher, Georgina Parkes and Trudy Kroes had the hidden scores.

Tuesday, February 19 contract bridge at Stanhope: Our reporter Ross Fletcher had the highest score of 5740, followed closely by Muriel McIntosh 5730, then Wynn Hanson 5080 and Betty Schlotter 5040. After a great battle for the Special Award it was decided to present two. Stan Hill won the "LAUB" (Life's An Uphill Battle) and Betty Dicker the "DDWB" (Don't Dicker With Betty.)

Tuesday, February 19 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: With the high score of 430 was the team of Alf Briscoe and Laura Carnegie, followed by Syd Lockhart and Nick Nimigon 397 and Betty Lockhart with Beverley Alexander 356. Low score went to Pearl Cowen and Helen Skelding, with 177 points.

Wednesday, February 20 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: North/South in first place were Maria and Nick Lehoczky with 58%, followed in second by Reet Murray and Mayme Douglas with 54%. Betty Dicker and Harold Cox were first in East/West with 66% and Kelly Metcalf and Bill Sandford were second with 59%.

Wednesday, February 20 euchre at Stanhope: There were an impressive ten moonshots, with singles to Edith Burch, Stan Dutka, Jack Cox, Willie Cox, Kevin Maloney and Muriel Harrington. Double winners were Don Burch and Gloria Moore. For the pinks, high scores went to Jean Scadden 285, Willie Cox 277 and Gloria Moore 273 while David Lamb 312, Ken Wallace 283 and Kevin Maloney 279 took the honours for the whites.

Wednesday, February 20 euchre at Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Mildred St. Thomas reports that the high lady was Marg Viney, with Joanne Freeman low. For the gents, it was Harold Harvie high man and Ted Wilkins low. Gerald Silver won for lone hands, while Truman McNeil shared the wealth with Bill St. Thomas.

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NOTICE
(File No. SRA-01-16)
Applicant – DON & KIM GOYNE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and
IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Snowdon.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, March 28, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front of Lot 4 and 5, Concession 13, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7246, registered February 14, 2002.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 20th day of February, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
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Dodging the flu bug at Hyland Crest

SENIORLEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

Hello Everyone, hope you have managed to dodge any colds or flu bugs that may be about – it is that time of year. Most of us here have avoided any unwanted health pests but we fear this damp, cold weather will not help matters. However, we'll soon be turning the corner and with Valentines Day behind us spring can't be far off.

Speaking of Valentines Day that's a good place to start our news.

Don Wright and Vivian Heatherington entertaining us with such beautiful. We celebrated with "Heart Warming Family Tea." Thank you to the people of St. Paul's Anglican Church, who remembered us with treats of cookies and chocolates, to name a few, for Valentines Day. We must also thank Don and Vivian for their special treats that day as they gave Lilian Millar a Valentine heart when she was the one to successfully name their tune, congratulations Lilian.

On Friday, we not only worked out our bodies but also exercised our minds with a spelling bee at Keep Fit. That afternoon we were ready for Happy Hour, but unfortunately the Pickards, who were scheduled to entertain, were unable to attend. Luckily, Linda was there to play the organ, so we did have music and we all enjoyed ourselves. We hope the Pickards are all well and able to join us next time.

Saturday, the Women's Auxiliary was busy bringing around the treat wagon and keeping us in odds and ends.

Also on Saturday, those on the lower level enjoyed "Tasty Temptations" a few sweet treats.

Sunday, Pastor Dan Millard, who had been growing a beard until his church attendance reached fifty, finally climbed that hurdle and was seen clean shaven. We understand the event took place right there in church. He had some special guests with him, including a handsome four-year-old named Garnet, who welcomed everyone to Church.

We enjoyed the Youth Group from Kinmount Baptist Church and a group from Michigan headed by John Lowry. They roused our spirits with song and stayed afterwards to visit with us as we enjoyed refreshments, which included an ice cream cone.

Monday, the Salvation Army came for its visit just as we were playing horse races. We all enjoy these visits, especially those without family near. In the evening, with the help of Pearl and Maxine, we enjoyed bingo. This week Vera Stevens won the big jackpot, with Mary Goldsmith, Bessie Burke, Margaret Besse, Nellie Ranson and Lilian Harrison all sharing in the rest of the wealth.

Stories were read and shared between the Chicken Soup group, with Mildred Gartshore, Hilda Gillespie, Germaine Levesque, Mary Robinson, Eleanor Pye and Hazel Gregory all sharing their thoughts on a Mother's Love.

Rev. Everall held Tuesday's Chapel with Ann McAdams and Barb Trocowizc helping out. We had good fellowship and Communion. That afternoon at crafts they worked on the place mats for St. Patrick's Day. We were also entertained with music and song by Burt Bonnell and his wife Pat. They regularly come to entertain and their music is beautiful.

Wednesday cards went on as usual, with Marjorie Watts and Harold Orsborne winning two games to one against Lilian Millar and Margaret Foote. Margaret Besse and Alice Sedgewick played against Mary Goldsmith and Roy Nicholls a total of five games. Unfortunately Margaret and Alice only managed to win one game. However, all reported an enjoyable time.

Thank you to Jean Dutka and Doreen Spencley for taking the time to come in and chat with us. We much enjoy your visits.

Leisure Bath was enjoyed by Keith Brannigan this week and his words were "I feel like a new man." We're glad you enjoyed it Keith.

Pub Night on Wednesday was upbeat, with Northern Jam coming to perform. They included Bill Renie, Jeff Barry, Audrey Sedley, Ron Sedley, Al Blanchard, Marilyn Giles and Charlie Hadley. With a house full like that it's your own fault if you didn't have a good time. Thanks also to Jim and Joan Meadows for helping out. Sorry you weren't able to make it Pearl.

The passing of our friend Alice Prentice saddens us all. We send condolences to her family and friends who we have come to know as they came to visit with Alice.

We will end on a happy note with congratulations going out to our RN, and now new Dad, Darcy Burke. Mother Donna and daughter Morgan Elizabeth May are both doing well. Baby Morgan was only six pounds one ounce, but healthy. Congratulations to the happy family.

That's all the news for this week, so stay healthy until next time.

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- **Tuesdays:** C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre Supper at C.H.A.C.E. Minden, 4 - 7 p.m. $4 per family. Call ahead to reserve a spot, 286-1770.
- **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **Feb. 25:** Badminton at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Jr. (for children 8 yrs. & under) - 5:30 p.m., Adult - 6:30 p.m. For more info. call (705) 766-9968. Cost is a loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Feb. 26:** Floor Hockey at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Jr. (for children 8 yrs. & under - 5:30 p.m., Adult - 6:30 p.m. For more info. call (705) 766-9968. Cost is a loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Feb. 27:** Jr. Basketball (for children 8 yrs. & under) - 5:30 p.m., Adult Basketball - 6:30 p.m., at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call (705) 766-9968 for more info. Cost is a loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Feb. 26:** Diabetes Support Group at Minden Hospital, Fireplace Lounge, 2 p.m. Meet and greet meeting for those living with diabetes. For info. call George or Dot Heath, 488-1211 or Diabetes Prevention Program, 705-286-2140, Ext. 242.
- **Feb. 27:** Haliburton Field Naturalists monthly meeting, Feb. 27, at 0730 hrs. at the Haliburton Museum. Guest speaker is Donald Smith who will present The Flora, Fauna and Landscape of Alaska. All are welcome and refreshments are available.
- **Feb. 27:** Folk Art Class, 10 a.m. - 12 noon., with Linda Smith at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more info. call (705) 766-9968.
- Feb. 27: Wheels to Meals at the South Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt, 12 noon. Come out for a great meal! Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.
- **Feb. 27:** Foot Clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more info. call Ebba Russell at (705) 766-2264 to book an appointment or for more information.
- **Feb. 28:** Jr. Volleyball (for children 8 yrs. & under) - 5:30 p.m., Adult Volleyball - 6:30 p.m., at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For info. call (705) 766-9968. Cost is a loonie or free to members. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **March 1:** Alzheimer Society of Victoria County Satellite office at the Kinmount and District Health Centre every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A family and caregiver support group is held in the Centres lower level alternate Fridays, March 1, 15 & 29, from 1 to 3 p.m. Open group. Please call 878-0126 for more info. A portable library is available in your area for home viewing.
- **March 1:** World Day of Prayer 2002. St. Paul's, Minden – 2 p.m.; St. Peter's, Maple Lake – 2 p.m.; United Church, Kinmount – 2 p.m.; Lakeside Baptist, Haliburton – 7:30 p.m. Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of Romania. Local residents are invited to join in this world-wide event by attending any of these services. This year's theme is "Challenged to Reconcile". Everyone welcome.
- **March 1:** Yoga Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, for a gentle practice using the breathe and the ground, learn to work with gravity to move with ease and effortlessness. Allie's approach is ideal for those with chronic pain or back problems. Call Allie at (705) 789-0367 for more info.or to register. Fee to instructor.
- **March 1:** Playgroup, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. A self-directed program open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Program offers toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Downstairs in the Dorset Rec. Centre. For more info. please call Elsie at (705) 766-1382.
- March 4: Drop in for a game of Contract Bridge at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.
- **March 5:** The Hazelbrae-Barnardo House Memorial Group will meet at 1:30 p.m., Northminster Church, Sunset Blvd. Guest speaker will be Jim Leonard of the Peterborough Museum who will speak on the Balsillie Photo Collection. Everyone welcome. For info. Phone 742-7523.
- **March 6:** Wheels to Meals at Kei's in Haliburtont, 12 noon. Enjoy a full meal for a guaranteed low price as well as a chance to meet new people. Reservations are required. Please call 457-2941.
- March 6 – April 3: Wednesdays, 1 – 3 p.m. JOB TALK. Learn to speak up in a job interview, free, make new contacts, call to register, 457-3412.
- **March 6:** The Laryngectomee and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting 2 – 3:30 p.m., at the Canadian Cancer Socity, 727 Lansdowne St. W., Peterborough. CCS phone number is (705) 742-3823.
- **March 7:** Blood Donor Clinic, Lady MacKenzie Public School, 1746 Kirkfield Rd., Kirkfield, from 4 – 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 71 or, if a first-time donor, under the age of 61. Bring identification, must weigh at least 110 pounds: Phone 438-3371 for an appointment.
- **March 7:** Drop in for a game of Checkers, 1 – 4 p.m., at Home Support in Haliburton. Call 457-2941 for info.
- **March 7:** L.I.F.T., Ladies in Fellowship Together at West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Theme: Good Things to Come. Feature: Framed, floral artwork with Sophia Tink. Music: Sisters and Co. Speaker: Gloria McMurray, Minden. Info. Call Alice, 754-2808, or Lyn, 457-3155.

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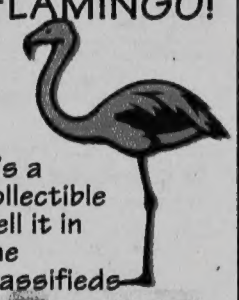
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HALIBURTON
FIELD NATURALISTS MONTHLY MEETING
February 27 at 0730 hrs.
at the Haliburton Museum
Guest speaker is Donald Smith
who will present
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All are welcome and refreshments are available
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MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURE SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING
March 5, 7:15 p.m.
Minden Community Centre
Guest Speaker: Sophia Tink of Sophia's Fashions in Flowers
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CAMPBELL, TERRY: In loving memory of a dear friend who passed away February 17, 2000.
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No matter what life sends
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460 OBITUARIES

ALICE ILENE PRENTICE
Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, February 20, 2002, in her 90th year.
Loving mother of Pat Bain, very dear grandmother of Marsha, Craig and Tricia. Dear sister of Laura Upton and predeceased by her twin brother Garnet Paull and by her brothers Everett Paull, Harold Paull, and by her sister Della Griffin. Predeceased by her husband Duncan Prentice. Fondly remembered by special niece Lottie Ruttan and her many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, on Thursday, February 21, 2002 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday, February 22, 2002 at 11 a.m. Spring interment at Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
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KEVIN HOWARD BUNN
Kevin was tragically taken from us on the evening of Friday, February 15, 2002, at the age of 26.
Beloved and very devoted husband of Natasha Bunn, devoted father of Raymond, proud expectant father of their unborn child, and godfather of Alana Simmons. Beloved son and best friend of Alan Sr. and Norma Bunn of Irondale, son-in-law of Patricia Peavoy and Allen Williams, and Patricia Williams. Dear grandson of Audrey and Robert Bunn. Loved and devoted brother of Alan Jr. and his wife Tracy, Michael, William Bunn, brother-in-law of Nathan Williams, Tammy and her husband Scott McKee, and Jamie Hume. Proud nephew of Bill and Robin, Joan and Steve Harrington, Donny, Robert Jr., Raymond and Carolyn. Fondly remembered by his great aunts, great uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon a. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday, February 20, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Cremation to follow. A reception was held at the Gooderham Community Centre following the service. In memory of Kevin, donations can be made to the Glamorgan Christmas Fund (P.O. Box 295, Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0) and would be appreciated by the family.
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MARGARET LOVICA HORSLEY
Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton, on Thursday, February 14, 2002 In her 94th year.
Beloved wife of the late Clarence, dear mother of Glenda Campbell of Lloydminster, Sask., and predeceased by Garth. Dear mother-in-law of Shirley of Minden. Loving grandmother of Bonnie, Debbie, Wade, Cindy, Judy, Jay, Dawn, Michele, Susan and many great grandchildren and predeceased by grandson Steven. Dear sister or Ruby Francis and predeceased by Bob, Bruce and Harry Hanthorn. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday, February 18, 2002 at 1 p.m. Spring interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Eastern Star Service was held on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.
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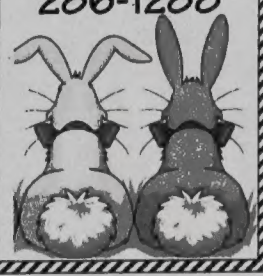

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